Fateh calls for boycott of Jerusalem polis

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat's Fatch group urged Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem on Saturday to boycott Israeli municipal elections on Nov. 2. A joint statement issued by Fatch and the Palestinian People's Party (PPP) in Jerusalem said; "Our people want independence and to put an end to occupation, not to give it legality by participation in the election." Ziad Abu Ziad, a member of the Palestinian liaison committee negotiating peace with Israel, told Reuters: "I think any positive participation from the Palestinian side in that election means recognition of the Israeli illegal measures and reciters: A mask any positive participation from the Palestinian side in that election means recognition of the Israeli illegal measures and Israeli annexation." The committee, which met for the first time in Cairo on Wednesday, is supervising talks on implementing the Palestinian self-rule accord signed between the PLO and Israel in Washington last month. Under the accord, Israel will begin withdrawing from the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of lesions in December. ing from the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho in December.

The deal provides for limited Palestinian self-rule for an interim five-year period in Gaza and the West Bank.



Britain will honour its commitments'

AMMAN (Petra) — A senior official of the British Foreign Office who is on a current visit to the country Saturday confirmed that the British government would honour its commitments made on international donors conference on Middle East peace held earlier in Washington on Oct. 10. William Irman, director of the Middle Eastern and North African Affairs Department at the Foreign Office, was quoted as saying by the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, that Britain would offer economic aid to Palestinians either through the European Commission (EC) or through British insultations. Mr. Irman, who is on a one-week tour in the region as part of efforts exerted by the British government to speed up to Middle East peace process, expressed hope that substantial progress would be achieved on Arab-Israeli tracks. He stressed that his country would continue political and economic support for the peace process on all tracks. During his two-day visit 10 Jordan Mr. Irman was to meet with senior Jordanian officials to discuss prospects of peace and Jordan's position on various aspects of the peace process.

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Yemeni council sworn in without Baidh

Combined agency dispatches

SANAA — Yemen's presidential couocil reelected Ali Abdullah Saleh as president Saturday in a vote boycotted by outgoing Vice-President Ali Salem Al Baidh.

The official Yemeni oews agency (SABA) said the council voted unanimously for Mr. Saleb, who has led the country since the unification of North and South Yemen in 1990.

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The council also approved Mr. Saleh's nomination of Mr. Baidh, who has stayed away from the capital Sanaa since July, to be reelected as vice-

Mr. Baidh's boycott of his swearing-in was in continuation-of-his protest against gov-

against his party's leaders. Mr. Baidh has been demanding a timetable for ecocomic and social reform for this country of 14 millioo and a speedy unification of armed forces from the former North and

The two countries merged in May 1990.

South Yemen.

In an interview with the London-based Saudi Arabian newspaper Al Sharq Al Awsat, Mr. Baidh accused northern politicians of dominating the united Yemen and spoke of fears for his life.

"I will go back to Sanaa only if there is a job for me to do, as my neck cannot bear another oath-taking," he said.

The five-man ruling council is the council's top executive body. Earlier this month, parliameot elected Mr. Baidh to the council aloog with another member of his Yemeni Social-

ist Party (YSP). The other members of the council are Mr. Saleh, a second member of Mr. Saleh's conservative Geoeral Peoples Congress (GPC), and a representative of the Muslim fun-

damentalist Al Islah Party. Parliameotarians said an emerging trend within their raoks was to elect a new member to the roling cooncil in heu of Mr. Baidh.

But political and tribal chiefs also are expected to keep trying to bring Mr. Baidh back into the fold. Mr. Saleh. the president, also has urged "intensified efforts" to end the

Mr. Baidh's YSP won 56 seats in the 301-member parliament elected in April. Mr. Saleh's CPC got 122 seats. In a surprise result, Al Islah became the second-largest party by winning 63 seats. The remaining seats are beld by smaller parties and independents.

Parliament first postponed the swearing in ceremooy on Thursday, when Mr. Baidh refused to break a six-week absence from Sanaa and come from bis hometown 300

kilometres south of the capital. On this second try, parliament went ahead with the ceremony without him, swearing in the other four members; Saleh and bis party deputy, Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani, Abdul-Mujeed Al Zindani, co-leader of Islah, and Salem Saleb Mohammad, who is Baidh's deputy leader in the YSP.

Israel-PLO deal could still lead to overall peace accord—Sharaa

Combined agency dispatches

CAIRO — Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa said here Saturday that the agreement for Palestinian self-rule could still lead to progress in the overall Arab-Israeli peace talks

Syria, which is trying to negotiate the return of the Golan Heights from Israel, had previously condemoed the Israel-Palestice Liberation Organisation (PLO) agreement as a separate initiative which weakened the Arab

Upon arrival for talks with President Hosni Mobarak of Egypt, Mr. Sharaa told reporters that "every possibility was open" following the signature of the accord in Washington on

The accord could bave "very negative effects not only on the Israeli-Palestinian track, but also oo the entire peace process and the situation in the region," Mr. Sharaa said.
"If is unrealistic to talk of coordination between Arab

parties participating in the peace process as it was before the Palestinian-Israeb agreement was signed," he added. The 1sraeli-Palestioian agreement, reached in secret

talks in Norway, was signed on Sept. 13. A detailed agenda for Israeli-Jordanian talks was initialled oo Sept. 14. But talks involving Israel, Syria and Lebanon bave made

slow progress since they began in Madrid in October 1991. ions took place and are taking place always hetween 1sraelis and the

Palestinians without any coor-

dioation between the Arab parties, unlike what happeoed in the past two years," be said. Bot the Israel-PLO accord coold also bave "positive effects because it could put the

peace process back on the right

Oatari minister confirms meeting with Shimon Peres

DOHA (AFP) - Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad Ben Jassem Ben Jabr Al Thani met two weeks ago with his Israeli counterpart Shimon Peres, the minister said, official Qatari News Agency (QNA) reported Saturday. This is the first time a meeting between Gulf Arabs and Israeli ministers was officially

The encounter took place in New York, in the sidelines of the General Assembly of the Uoited Nations, the Qatari minister said, quoted by QNA. The meeting was "brief" and aimed at "encouraging peace" in the Middle East, "especially on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks, Sheikh Hamad said.

Sheikh Hamad said his meeting with Mr. Peres also addressed the issue of Jerusalem." Sheikh Hamad wished that the Arabs will "recover it."

come will show which of the two possibilities gains the up-per hand," Mr. Sbaraa said. He said his receot talks in Washingtoo with President Bill Clinton and U.S. Secretary of State Warreo Christopher, the first of their kind in almost 20 years, revealed "no differences

of view" between Syria and the

United States. Washington co-sponsors the peace talks with Moscow. A high-ranking State De-partment official, Edward

Djerejian, said oo Tuesday that Israel and Syria were making progress towards signing an Asked about plans to restart the bilateral peace talks in Washington, the Syrian official

said: "If the Israeli side shows seriousness, Syria will be ready to resume these talks at a suitable time." Bot he threatened to boycott the next round of talks unless

Israel showed willingness to achieve progress. "We will oot go to Washington to participate in sterile and non-profitable talks. We will only go when the Israelis show they are serious in achieving

results," Mr. Sharaa said after

and Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa there had been no progress in previous talks in Washiogtoo betweeo Israel and Syria, be said.

Mr. Sharaa put the blame on Israel in airport remarks ear-

These obstacles are not of Syria's making nor of the making of the sponsor of the peace process (the United States) bot they are from the Israeli side, which I think is busy with the Israeli-Palestioian agreement," Mr. Sharaa said.

mit itself to a full withdrawal before it will discuss the nature of future relations.

Syria insists Israel must com-

Israel says it is ready to withdraw from at least some of the Golan Heights.

But will not say how far until Syria says whether it is ready for a full peace including embassies and open borders. Mr. Sharaa said a meeting

between U.S. President Bill Clinton and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad would give momentum to the peace process in the Middle East. "In Syria, we believe that a

meeting hetweeo President Bill Clinton and Hafez Al Assad will help the peace process,"

Settlers attack Arabs in Hebron

HEBRON, occupied West Bank - Israeli border guards broke up clashes bere Saturday hetween Palestinians and dozens settlers protesting the stabbing of a Jewish settler, military and Palestinian sources said.

Settlers beat and slightly hurt five Palestinians and smashed windows as well as car wiodscreens in the centre of Hebron, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank, according to Palestioian sources.

"During the clash, stones were thrown and windscreens were smashed," ao army spokesman said. "A border police force called to the site was forced to respond with

The clash began when settlers went to pray at the Tomb of the Patriarchs and passed by Arab shopkeepers, witnesses

Border guards declared the area a closed military zone, a move that includes a ban on journalists, military sources

Led by Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a founder of the Bloc of the Faithful groop which calls for anoexation of the occupied territories, the settlers were protesting the stabbing of a Jewish settler the day before. The settler was badly wounded in the neck io the

market at Hebron. A hardlioe Palestine Liberation Organisatioo (PLO) faction, the Democratic Froot for the Liberation of Palestice (DFLP), opposed to the accord with Israel for limited Palestinian autonomy claimed re-

sponsibility for the attack. The DFLP belongs to a 10member alliance opposed to the accord signed by the PLO and Israel in Washington last month. Uoder the accord, Israel will begin withdrawing from Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho in December.

On Friday, an Israeli soldier shot dead a Palestinian io Rafah refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip on Friday, Israel Television said.

1t said Anwar Nasr, 22, was caught io cross-fire when troops fired on a car whose driver ignored an order to

Palestinian sources dismissed an earlier report that Nasr had been an activist in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) based in Damascus and had recently served a jail term for guerrilla

Friday's shooting in Rafah briogs to 11 the number of Palestinians killed by Israeb forces since the signing of the Israel-PLO deal.

An adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat expressed regret Friday about having barmed Israeli civilians in attacks through the years, and vanish now that there is peace

Mahmond Abbas spoke on Israel Television, displaying kept Israel and the PLO from talking to each other for decades.

Mr. Abbas, who signed the

a Palestinian currency.

Lebanon. "I think that the death of prudent economy.



Abbas briefs King and Crown Prince on self-rule negotiations

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A top official of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) . Saturday briefed His Majesty King Hussein on the progress of the implementation of the Israeb-PLO autonomy accord signed on Sept. 13. Mahmoud Abbas, a member

of the PLO Executive Committee and head of the Palestinian side to a liaison committeenegotiating the implementa-tion of the accord with Israeli Foreign Mioister Sblmon Peres, was also received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince

'No details were immediately available. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the King's discussions with Mr. Abbas The various re al and bilateral issues and the receot developments in the

Arab-Israeli peace process.' Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Palestinian Ambassador to Jordan Al Tayyeb Abdul Rahim attended the meeting.
The Crown Prince and the

PLO official discussed "the recent developments in the

progress of political oegotiations following the ratification of the Israel-PLO agreement by the Palestine Ceotral Council (PCC)" last week, Petra

Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Jawad Al Anani attended the meeting. Mr. Ahbas, who attended

the first meeting of the Israel-PLO liaison committee in Cairo last week, told Jordan Television after bis talks with King Hussein and Prince Hassan that the discussions covered the implementation of the autonomy accord.

Also discossed was Jordanian-Palestiniao coordination and the work of joiot committees, he said. Mr. Abbas said the work of

the joint panels was of "paraount importance since they seek to achieve complete coordination between the Jordaoiao and Palesonian sides during the self-rule period with a vis-a-vis all issues."

"Some of these committees have already started work and others will be activated sooo," of the joint panel on economic be said.

cooperation was highly significant in that "it has already worked out a draft document which we hope both sides will endorse,

Mr. Abbas, who signed the Sept. 13 accord with Mr. Peres, said Israel had undertaken to withdraw from all areas of the occupied Gaza Strip except those areas which are needed to offer protection to Jewish settlements there.

"Offering security and pro-tection to the settlements remains an Israeli responsibility at this point in time since we have oot reached agreement on removing the settlements," said Mr. Abbas, noting the issue of settlements in the occupied territories was an issue to be tackled in the final status negotiations expected to begin in the third year of

Mr. Abbas said the Palestinians and Israelis had not yet reached agreement on the extent of Israeli withdrawal from view to reaching a united stand Jericho io the West Bank. "We are not discussing withdrawal from Jericho town but the 'Jericho area' and are seeking to define bow many square he said, adding that the work kilometres this would mean."

report of 'shift' in approach

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Palestiniao sources Saturday dismissed as untrue an Israeli Radio report that Palestine Liberatioo Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat was opposing Jordanian supervision of monetary and banking affairs of the Palestinians during the five-year actonomy period in the occupied

"The report is distorted and does not reflect the actual position of the PLO chairman," said a senior Palestinian source. "For all practical and technical purposes, the Ceotral Bank of Jordan (CBJ) will monitor the monetary affairs and the Jordanian currency will continue to be in circulation in the occupied territories. said the source, who prefer-

red anonymity. Israel Radio said Friday tbat Mr. Arafat did not favour such a role for the CBJ or the Jordanian dinar and that he wanted to set up an independent Palestinian monetary authority and issue

At present the Jordaoian dinar is the dominant currency in the occupied territories and most dealings are in the dinar. The Israeli shekel is also in circulation, but, by and large, the dinar is the prevalent.

"It is not a question of choice," said the Palestinian source. "It is a matter of According to the source,

the PLO and Palestinian eco-

nomic planners did consider settiog up an independent monetary authority and issuiog a Palestinian currency immediately after the autonomy arrangement takes hold on the ground in the occupied territories.

"But the ideas were frozen for practical as well as political reasons," said the source. "The Palestinian autonomy authority does not have the required monetary base to issue its own currency.

"In any event, condinued use of the Jordanian dinar is more practical and politically sound in view of the links between Jordan and the "Ao independent Palesti-

nian authority and Palestioian currency lonk very good in paper as nationalist ideas, but realities dictate otherwise," added the source. "They are not a priority now. The most important objective is to develop the ecocomy of the occupied territories and this cannot be done through independent authorities and own currency."

Under a broad framework for economic ecoperation discussed during a visit to Jordan of Ahmad Qourieb, head of the PLO's Economy Department, two weeks ago, the CBJ, in coordination with a Palestinian authority, will sopervise the monetary affairs of the West Bank and Gaza during the five-year interim self-rule period.

"There has been no change in the situation since those discussions," said the source. "Other ideas could be considered at a later stage, depending on the way things take shape during the interim

Jordanian officials declined

comment. "We don't see why we should comment on Israeli radio reports," said a senior official. Prime Minister Abdul

Salam Al Majali said two weeks ago that Jordanians and Palestinians were discussing economic cooperation but it was premature to discuss specifics. Palestinian economists

have said that the best course of action for the Palestinians during the ioterim period was to forge close links with Jordan while trying 10 develop their own ecocomy through reducing their dependence on the Israeli economy.

Samir Huleileb and Samir Abduilah, members of the Palestinian economic team. said last week that one of the main means for the Palestinian authority to raise internal funds was through issuing bonds io Jordanian dinars in coordination with the Jordanian government.

"11 is only one of the significant areas where Jordanian-Palestinian cooperatioo should come into play," said the source.

Israel is known to oppose any independent Palestinian monetary authority and the issuance of a Palestinian currency. The Jewish state tried during the last 26 years to reinforce the shekel as the dominant currency and the prevalence of Israel banks in the occupied territories, but met stiff resistance from the

talks with Preisdent Mubarak. He had told Mr. Mubarak track. The days and weeks to 559 aspirants file nominations as candidates in Nov. 8 polls

By Suhair Obeidat

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - Five bundred and fifty-oine men aod women registered themselves as candidates in the Nov. 8 general elections during a three-day nomination period that ended Saturday, officials

A report carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said only three of the nominees were womeo. Reports on Friday had put the number of women at 44, and there was no immediate explanation to the discrepancy.

The officials said the Ministry of Interior will issue its verdict on the cominations starting Sunday for those who registered Thursday; nominations filed oo Friday and Saturday will be ruled upon on Monday and Tuesday.

Reoter oews agency quoted Interior Mioister Salameh Hammad as saying that two applications might be rejected on the basis of citizenship criteria. One, by colomnist Hamadab Fara'och, because he is a member of the Palestice National Council (PNC). Although Mr. Fara'neh said that he resigned from the PNC, the government insists that he is still on its official

list, Reuter said. The other applicant is Nimer Sirhan, a former Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official whose request for candidacy in 1989 was also rejected for the same

Interior Minister Salameb Hammad said no candidate had been rejected on political

Four nominations rejected

AMMAN GOVERNOR Talat Nawaisch annoonced late Saturday that the nominations filed by four aspirants to the Nov. 8 elections were rejected because of failure to meet legal criteria. In a statement carried by the Jordan New Agency, Petra, Mr. Nawaiseb identified the four as Hamadeb Faraa'neh (First District), Nimr Sirhan (Fifth District), Saleh al Massandeh and Mohammad Abu Rabihah (both from the Sixth District). The governor said the four would be formally notified of the rejection Sunday and pointed out that they reserved the right to contest the rejection in court.

"The governor has three days to rule whether to accept or reject" the applications of Mr. Fara'neh and Mr. Sirhan, he told Reuters. A final list of nominees will he announced by the end of the month after the appeal courts rule on the contested applications.

Candidates could start official campaigning only after receiving acceptance of their cominations from the Ministry of Interior.

Although public railies and debates will not be allowed until the final lists of accepted candidacy applications are announced, signs that the country was in full gear for elections were more than visible Saturday than Thursday, with more banners, posters and leaflets and newspaper advertisements.

The Islamic Action Front,

with 36 candidates running

ticket, complained mean-

while that an application it

filed for a permission to hold

a public rally on Oct. 22 was

turned down by the Ministry

of Interior. No reason for the

rejection was giveo. No offi-

on its "Islam is the solution"

Second District — 22 (three seats); Third District - 32 (five seats); Fourth District -22 (two seats); Fifth District - 42 (five seats); Sixth District - 24 (three seats); Irbid Governorate — 60 (nine seats); Jerash — 13 (two seats); Ajloun — 27 (three seats); Ramtha and Bani Kenanah — 18 (three seats); Al Koura and northern Jordan Valley - 19 (two seats); Al Balqa — 47 (eight seats); Karak — 66 (nine seats); Ma'ar. - 19 (five seats); Zarqa - 54 (six seats); Northern Badia region - 13 (two seats); Central Badia region - 14 (two seats); Southern Badia region — 11 (two seats); Mafraq — 18 (three

cial comment was available.

number of applicants is as

follows: First District - 21,

The hreakdown of the

seats); and Tafileh 17 -(three seats). The comber of registered voters is 1,461,184, wbo Satorday started receiving their voting cards in most districts. Only those who have voting cards will be allowed to cast their ballot on

competing for three seats; predicted extremism woold with Israel. unusual candor about a highlycharged emotional issue that

> Ending "extremism" was also a condition put by Israel to reaching the aotonomy accord. agreement alongside Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, said his organisation had "had no choice" but to stage attacks in the past, "sometimes hurting civilians." These attacks were to fight

Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, he said. He said Palestinians also were killed both in the occupied territories and in Israeli bombing raids over the years in

innocent people is not acceptable to anyone, whether of Jews, Muslims, Israelis or Palestinians," Mr. Abbas said.

Palestinians deny Israeli

ainton gets Senate backing for policy on Somalia

WASHINGTON (Agencies)

— President Bill Clinton on Friday forged ahead with plans to phase out U.S. involvement in Somalia by March 31 following a qualified Senate endorsement of his new peacekeeping

Mr. Clinton was "delighted with the Senate vote" of 76-23 for a compromise amendment to a defence funding bill that generally endorsed his plan to give the U.N.-sponsored mission more time to succeed, White House spokesman Mark Gearan said.

Turning back a move to legislate a swift U.S. withdrawal from Somalia, a bipartisan coalition of senators instead pushed through the compromise crafted by Democratic and Republican leaders.

The compromise was supported by Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia, an independent-minded Democrat who initially led the fight for a hasty. exit from the hattled-scarred East African country.

"I think most people felt it is the right policy in very difficult circumstances. It gives the president flexibility to handle the withdrawal of American forces." Senate Democratic

leader George Mitchell told reporters following the vote.

A measure providing funds only for withdrawal offered by Senator John McCain, an Arizona Republican who spent years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam, was rejected 61-38.

The votes, which cut across Democratie and Republican Party lines, came a day after Somali elan leader Mohammad

Farah Aideed's forces released American helicopter pilot Michael Durant after 11 days in captivity.

Watching the Senate floor action was Mr. Durant's sister. Mary Ellen Durant, who said she had wanted a different

"I don't think it is a wise decision to stay there (in Somalia)," she said. Mr. Duran was shot down in

a Mogadishu firefight Oct. 3 that killed at least 17 Americans and wounded scores more. It was the worst disaster for U.S. peacekeeping troops since the 1983 bombing of a Marine barracks in Lebanon, and brought immediate political pressure to get out of

Four days later, Mr. Clinton announced he was reinforcing the U.S. contingent there, nar-rowing their mission and setting a March 31 withdrawal deadline.

In a letter to Mr. Byrd, the president said that date was the outer limit" for fulfilling the U.S. mission, and that he would order an earlier pullout, "if at all feasible."

While a victory for Mr. Clinton, a former Arkansas state governor with no military expertise and limited experience in foreign policy, the compromise was far from a complete vote of confidence in his

It would cut off funds for the Somalia operation after March 31, but allow the president to ask for an extension. It also set rules of engage-

ment by limiting operations to the protection of U.S. military personnel and bases and helping bumanitarian aid flowing by giving United Nations forces logistical and security support.

The measure also stipulates that U.S. combat forces in Somalia must be under the control of American commanders. The overall U.N. operation is beaded by a Turkish

The House of Representatives has not yet debated Mr. Clinton's new Somalia policy. Mr. Clinton on Friday accused the United Nations of assigning American troops the "police function" of finding those responsible for killing 24 Pakistani peacekeepers in

He also suggested that the Bush administration naively advised the American people U.S. troops could be withdrawn from Somalia once starvation was overcome.

Meanwhile, the Clinton administration is backing Ethiopia and Eritrea in trying to get U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali to cancel a scheduled stop in Mogadishn, the Somali capital, next week, according to a senior U.S. official. The secretary-general is

on an African trip.
The U.S. official said Ethiopian and Eritrean leaders involved in peacemaking efforts for Somalia do not think the secretary-general would be helpful in trying to reopen a political dialogue among feuding Somali clans.

Kuwait has dropped en-

"Can we get that emir (of Kuwait), hetween wedding nights, just to concentrate a little while on why he's now in bed in Kuwait City and not in some... resort town of Saudi Arabia? Americans got killed

Democratic Sen. Paul Sarless there is progress in dismantling it.

"If they put additional companies on the blacklist later in . October that would seem to call for a sharp response from

the administration," Mr. Sar-

Mr. Moynihan said Amer-. icans were killed in the Gulf war which liberated Knwait from Iraqi forces.

Moynihan assails Kuwaiti emir

Secretary-General Boutros Ghali to call off a

planned visit to Somalia fearing it could thwart

never know, you might have an Islamie president and he'd

want a mosque up at Camp

David," the U.S. presidential

Mr. Moynihan said the mos-

ques were actually constructed

by firms from South Korea

after being designed by the

corps of engineers.
"Wouldn't it be a lot more

useful if we started thinking

about the development of the

Mr. Djerejian diplomatically

avoided the mosque issue and

said the United States will use-

its resources to develop water

supplies in the area.
"We have information that

on Oct. 24 there may be a

meeting of the Arah League

Boycott Office in Damascus

and that there is some consid-

eration being given to adding a

number of companies to the

list," Mr. Djerejian told the

Arah countries including Syria

had been told by the United

States "that this would be a

step, obviously, in a very wrong direction."

Mr. Djerejian said he found

the Arab boycott "totally un-acceptable," especially in the context of the Sept. 13 Israel-

Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion (PLO) accord and an Oct.

1 donors conference that raised

\$2 billion in pledges to bolster

other wealthy Arab states par-

ticipated in that conference,

and Saudi Arabia pledged \$100

Saudi Arabia, Knwait and

Mr. Diereijan said all the

water resources of the area,"

peace efforts under way there (AFP photo)

retreat.

"Exactly, and this point has been made very clear and very directly," Mr. Dierejian said. "But without consequence, right?" Mr. Moynihan said.

Mr. Djerejian, the State Department's top official on the Middle East, said the United States has been told hy countries such as Kuwait and others that will take an Arab League decision to drop the boycott.

"Well, parliamentary procedure at all costs, says the emir, it's obscene," Mr. Moynihan responded, a sarcastic reference to the emir's record of twice abolishing Kuwait's elected parliament.

He said he hoped the U.S. position could be put with "a measure of vehemence" to Kuwait and other U.S. allies involved in the boycott.

"Tell the Saudis the next time (Iraqi President Saddam) Hussein invades them it will be too had," Mr. Moynihan re-Mr. Moynihan also said that

the U.S. Corps of Engineers might be better employed in the Middle East than building "In the 1980s, the United States corps of engineers car-

ried out more construction in Saudi Arabia than it did in the United States. We built 87 mosques," Mr. Moynihan said. He said he once told the general in charge: "General, you know, it's good to get the

million for the first year. hang of mosque building. You hield Reagan in Iran-contra case verted to his original denials.

the agreement.

He also gave differing accounts to the investigatory Tower Commission about the November 1985 shipment of Hawk missiles to Iran. First, Mr. Reagan said be learned of the delivery after it occurred and demanded the Hawks be returned; later he said he could not recall any conversation or

But the prosecutors' final report indicates, according to the sources, that the president was personally consulted and gave directions to Col. North in the midst of a May 1986 mission that unsuccessfully sought to trade arms in Iran for hostages. The dealings are detailed in summaries of messages between the White House

Mr. Reagan's attorney, Theodore Olson, declined to com-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Britannia docks in Cyprus for Commonwealth meet

LARNACA (AFP) - The royal yacht Britannia, home for Queen Elizabeth II during next week's Commonwealth summit, sailed into Larnaca on Saturday amid tight security. the Cyprus News Agency (CNA) reported. More than a thousand schoolchildren in nearby Limassol meanwhile held a protest Friday against the visit by Queen Elizabeth, who is due to fly into Larnaca airport with Prince Philip on Monday. The students defied their teachers and protested the mayor of Limassol's proposal to award the queen the key of the city during her visit for the Commonwealth heads of government meeting, the Cyprus Mail said Saturday. "Instead of the key, give her the noose," read one protest banner outside the town hall. Some Cypriots bave blamed the queen for condoning the hangings of the Cypriot guerrillas during the island's struggle for independence from Britain in the 1950s.

Rebels warn Turkish papers to shut offices

DIYARBAKIR (R) — Separatist Kurdish guerrillas have threatened to attack offices of Turkish newspapers and agencies unless they shut their offices in a southeastern city by Tuesday, local reporters said on Saturday. Newspaper managers will meet in Istanhul to discuss the threat by the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK), they said. "PKK leaders and local managers of newspapers met on Friday. The PKK accused newspapers of being an instrument of the state, and demanded papers and agencies shut their offices in Diyarbakir city," a journalist there told Reuters. The PKK threatened to implement "revolutionary violence" unless its demand was met, be said. The regional governor told newspapers they would be protected and asked them to continue publishing. The PKK has been fighting for an independent Kurdish state since 1984.

Djibouti activist said in bad state in jail

PARIS (R) - A detained leading Djibouti human rights activist is in poor health after six days of a bunger strike, his organisation said on Saturday. The Djibouti Association for the Defence of Human Rights and Liberties (ADDHL) said in a statement that its President Mohammad Houmed Soulleh was suffering from high blood pressure and hypoglycaemia and was unable to stand up or walk. "The ADDHL demands he be hospitalised immediately," the statement said. Mr. Soulleh was arrested on Sept. 15 after alleging government troops had killed civilians and is awaiting trial on charges of slander and spreading false information. He has said he is being held in a cell with more than 150 common criminals, where his safety is seriously threatened. In a letter released by the ADDHL last week he said the Gabode prison was insanitary and violated international standards.

U.S. soldiers injured in Kuwait blast

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KUWAIT (AP) - Four U.S. soldiers have been injured, one seriously, in an explosion during a routine military exercise, the American embassy said Saturday. An embassy spokesman, who did not want to be identified by name, said the accident took place Friday. He said three soldiers were treated and released from local hospitals while a fourth who sustained serious injuries was still being treated. The spokesman would not give the soldiers' names or any further details about the exercise or the circumstances surrounding the accident. Hundreds of U.S. soldiers have been stationed at Doha camp about 20 kilometres north of Kuwait City since the end of the Gulf war that liberated Kuwait from a seven-month Iraqi occupation. The emirate signed a 10-year defence pact with the United States that calls for prepositioning of weapons and continuous joint exercises.

Norwegian Rushdie translator operated on again

OSLO (AFP) — Surgeons operated on the Norwegian-translator of Salman Rushdie's the Satanic Verses for a second time Friday, cleaning his bullet wounds, the head doctor of Ullevaal hospital reported. William Nygaard's condition was fied person with a revovler shot Mr. Nygaard three times outside his house on Monday. Norwegian police said Friday that they had no new information on the suspected culprit, but they thought the case was hinked to Mr. Nygaard's translation of the Satanic Verses. Mr. Nygaard was one of the first people to translate the book of Mr. Rushdie in 1989. The then spiritual mentor of Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini, issued a "fatwa" that year condemning Mr. Rushdie to death, claiming the book blasphemed Islam. In Copenhagen, Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen said the Norwegian government had told him it had as yet no proof that Iran was involved in the attempt to kill Mr. Nygaard. Iran has repeatedly refused to rescind the "fatwa" against Mr. Rushdie.

Mujahedeen denies Iranian report of attacks

AMMAN (J.T.) — The main Iranian armed opposition group. Mujahedeen-e-Khalq on Saturday denied a report that its fighters launched attacks on Iran that killed six people, including two children. The group said in a statement faxed to the Jordan Times described as "absurd assertions" the Iranian report of the attack and said it was part of an Iranian bid to set the stage for attacks on the group's bases in Iraq and offices in Europe and the United States. The Mujahedeen said its operations were always planned and executed by members from inside Iran and were always aimed at officials responsible for torture and executions of innocent people. The report of the killings carried by the official Iranian news agency (IRNA) reflected Tehran's fear of the rebels, it said. The Iranian government was especially alarmed at rebel military man-oeuvres held last week, it asserted. IRNA said the killings took place in three separate incursions from Iraq, where the rebels are based. IRNA said Mnjahedeen radio in Iraq had recently warned of a "planned assault" against the government in Tehran.

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U.S. reproaches Germany on

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Germany are embroiled in a dispute over German efforts to strengthen ties with Iran at a time when Washington wants to isolate the Tehran government, the State Department said Friday. Secretary of State Warren Christopher has raised the

issue with German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, and German officials have been given confidential U.S. data on alleged Iranian involvement in "terrorist" activities, U.S. officials said.

State Department spokes-man Mike McCurry said the United States is concerned that a German dialogue with Iran, combined with extensive trading ties and favourable courage Iran to think that it can improve relations with the West without changing its behaviour.

He said Iran's pattern of behaviour "should be most

WASHINGTON (AP) - The

special prosecutor's final re-

port on the Iran-contra affair

concludes that former Attor-

ney General Edwin Meese

concocted a "false account" of

an Iranian arms-for-hostages

deal to cover up President

Ronald Reagan's role, accord-

ing to sources familiar with the

The still-secret report says

prosecutors would have consi-

dered seeking Mr. Meese's in-

dictment after discovering new evidence in 1992, but the sta-tute of limitations had expired.

The report concludes too

cabinet officers participated in

the coverup, plotting to make

North and national security

advisers Robert McFarlane

and John Poindexter, accord-

ing to the sources and notes

they took from the report's

out of Oliver

several sources said.

document.

Meese created

troubling to the world community.

It is rare for the United States to acknowledge publicly disagreements with a close

ally.

Meanwhile, Britain issued a second protest Friday against mysterious talks between German and Iranian intelligence chiefs, but the Bonn government brushed aside the com-

Publicity about the Oct. 6-7 discussions bave embarrassed Chancellor Helmut Kohl's gov-

A German diplomat in Washington, insisting on not being identified, said his government is aware of U.S. concerns. But he added that the European view, which Geradvisable to carry out a "critical dialogue" with the Iranian government.

Britain contends the discussions violated a deal reached among European Community

The report also portrays Mr.

Reagan, who has given con-flicting accounts of his role in

the scandal, as being personal-

ly involved in directing advis-ers in a failed arms-for-hos-

tages deal in Iran in May 1986,

Iran-contra prosecutor Lawrence Walsh's report was

completed in August but has

been sealed from public scru-

tiny hy a federal appeals court

to give those named in it time

to submit responses. Mr.

Reagan's lawyers recently obtained a 60-day extension.

For now, the report is only

available to those named in it,

and their lawyers. A number of

sources provided the Associ-

ated Press with a description of

its contents, including the

notes from the executive sum-

The sources, who insisted

upon anonymity, said their notes indicate the final report

mary.

the sources said.

'false account'

improve relations with Iran while British author Salman Rushdie is under an Iranian death sentence.

Douglas Hurd sent a note Friday to Mr. Kinkel, complaining about the meetings be-tween Iran's Ali Fallahiyan and German intelligence officials, including Bernd Schmidbauer, Mr. Kohl's liaison with German espionage agencies.

"The message relterated our serious concern," said a British Foreign Office spokesman,. speaking on customary anony-

Dieter Vogel, Mr. Kohl's spokesman, said Mr. Schmidbauer was in contact with Iran on behalf of other countries. useful for German citizens than for citizens of other countries," Mr. Vogel said. "These were not political negotiations,

but talks about bumanitarian

depicts key officials of the

Reagan administration as

scrambling to deflect blame

from the president and his

advisers and the cabinet mem-

bers on the National Security

Council participated in the strategy to make National

Security Council members

McFarlane, Poindexter and

North the scapegoats whose

sacrifice would protect the

Reagan administration in its

final two years," the notes quote the report as saying.

strategy succeeded. Indepen-

dent counsel discovered much

of the hest evidence of the

coverup in the final year of

active investigation, too late for most prosecutions."

ty to four misdemeanors for

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was later pardoned by Presi-

Mr. McFarlane pleaded guil-

"In an important sense, this

The president's most senior

Tehran leaders last December not to

British Foreign Secretary



Pakistani U.N. soldiers check their submachine-

guns at a U.N. checkpoint in south Mogadishn

as a Somali child looks on Saturday. The U.S.

government is trying to persuade U.N.

had American sponsors," said Sen. Patrick Moynihan

(Democrat, New York). Mr. Moynihan was chairing a committee session listening to testimony about the Middle East by Assistant Secretary of State Edward Djerejian.

forcement of secondary targets of the boycott but maintains the primary boycott against companies which do business with Israel, Mr. Djerejian said,
"That's obscene," said Mr.

Movniban. Referring to the many wives the emir of Kuwait has taken under Muslim law, Mr. Moynihan asked.

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banes of Mayland said that, far from expanding the boycott. the Arah countries face prob-

dent George Bush. Juries cou-

victed Mr. McFarlane's succes-

sor, Mr. Poindexter, of five

felonies and Colonel North of

three, but their convictions

were reversed or set aside on

The scandal involved two

covert operations: The sale of

arms to Iran in exchange for

that country's help in freeing

Mideast hostages and the di-version of profits from the

arms sales to provide military

aid to contra rebels in Nicar-

The report says a key to the coverup was Mr. Meese's role

in creating "a false account" of

a November 1985 arms-for-

hostages deal with Iran to pro-

tect Mr. Reagan in the scan-

dal's early days, according to

The sources said the new

evidence against Mr. Meese

was discovered just last year

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the sources.

when prosecutors obtained contemporaneous notes of former White House Chief of

Staff Don Regan. According to the sources' description and notes, the report says Mr. Meese conducted "damage control excercise" rather than gathering facts when the scandal first erupted in November 1986.

Mr. Meese did not return calls to his office this week. Mr. Walsh declined comment. They and others in the report are under court order not to discuss it publicly.

Over the years, Mr. Reagan
has given conflicting state-

ments about his own role. fn November 1986, he publicly denied his administration had engaged in arms-for-hostages deals. But in early 1987, he reversed field and acknowledged that it had. Then, in early 1990, Mr. Reagan remeeting about the Hawks.

and Tehran, the sources said.

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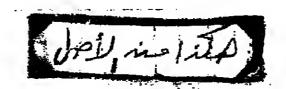
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AGE: Her Majesty Queen Noor Saturday inaugurated the Petra exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre. The exhibition is sponsored by the Petra National Trust (PNT); the Queen is PNT honorary chairperson and patron. Established in 1989 as a private, nongovernmental institution for safeguarding Petra's unique physical and human heritage, the PNT stimulates studies and coordination among local and international bodies for the conservation of the Petra region environment, while promoting modernisation. The exhibition will focus on consolidating Jordanian and international efforts towards the preservation of Petra. On display

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will be the works of cosmopolitan institutions in the form of panels, pictures, and books among others. The exhibition aims to raise Jordanian and international awareness and interest on the importance of collective work in preserving Petra. Receiving the Queen upon arrival were Their Highnesses Prince Ra'd and Princess Majda. At the opening ceremony, Prince Ra'd, PNT Board of Trustees president, paid tribute to the Queen's continued concern for archaeological and touristic sites in the Kingdom. Queen Noor was also received by Dr. Raouf Abu Jaber, vice-president of PNT, as well as PNT Treasurer Rami Khouri and PNT Secretary Karen Asfour (Petra photo).

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

- ☆ The Petra Exhibition a presentation of the activities of Jordanian and international institutions involved in archaeological, ethnographic and environmental research in the Petra region at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ☆ Caricature drawings exhibition by late curtoonist Najl Al Ali at the Pakistani Universities Ahmmi Club in Jabal Amman. * Exhibition of handicrafts at Abu Jaber estate, Yadoudeh
- (next to Kan Zamas). Art exhibition by artists Abir Al Bawab, Michael Ujailat
- Mohammad Abu Affeh, Amani Masha'al, and Mohammad Abu Aziz at Abu Niseir Club. Art exhibition by artists Mahmoud Taha and Salman Abbas
- at Ab'and Art Gallery.
- * Photo exhibition displaying pictures from Jordan and Syria by German artist J. Swakowski at the Goethe Institute. Art exhibition by Mrs. Lucy Marto, Janine Saaf, and Tete
- Wegelins at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ☆ Art exhibition by artist Ali Talib at the Balka'a Art Gallery in Al Fuheis.
- ☆ Art exhibition by artists Dr. Ala Bashir and Sa'di Abbas at the Alia Art Gallery.
- * Art exhibition by artist Mahmond Al-Ubedi at the French
- Art exhibition by artist Ali Al Mi'mar at the Orfali Art
- Gallery. Telephone 826932. ★ Exhibition of etchings by Mohammad Omar Khalil at Darat
- Al Funun of the Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibdeh. Also showing the permanent exhibition. Telephone 643251/2.

FILMS

* Film entitled "Them!" at the American Centre at 5:00 p.m. (93 min.)

Jordan readies for lifting of sanctions on Iraq

By Aleen Bannayan Associated Press

AMMAN - Jordan, a key transit point for Iraqi imports, is planning to expand the freetrade zone at the Red Sea port of Aqaba in anticipation of the easing of international sanctions against Baghdad, a senior official said Saturday.

While there is no indication that the sanctions against Iraq will be lifted or relaxed sooo. Jordan seems to be planning to be ready when it happens.

Falah Qudah, head of the state-owned Free Zones Corporation, said he was awaiting official approval for expansion programmes drawn up by the corporation, including the expansion of Aqaba's free zone.

Agaba has been crippled by a dramatie decline in Iraqbound goods since August 1990, when the U.N. Security Council imposed sweeping sanctions on Iraq to punish it for its invasion of Kuwait. Before the crisis struck,

annual Jordanian exports to Iraq were worth \$200 million. Iraq also used Agaba as the main conduit for its imports since its own ports were damaged and blocked during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war.

Now Jordan's exports to Iraq are limited to food and medicioe, exempt from the sanctions.

Jordao estimates its losses at nearly \$600 million in the port and transport sector alone since the imposition of the sanctions. More than 70 per cent of all activities at Aqaha were iraq-related before the

Mr. Qudah said the Free Zone Corp,'s revenues declined by 9 per cent during the first eight months of this year compared with a 21 per cent increase in 1992.

The decline was believed to be the result of Iraq switching its imports to Turkish and Iranian ports following Jordan's tightened enforcement of the

Jordan tightened its border controls in June 1992, six months after the United States accused the Kingdom of massive breaching of the sanctions by letting contraband material across its borders into

Iraqi traders who once used to crowd Jordanian free zones have dwindled to a trickle and Agaba now handles mainly Iraqi government imports such

as sugar, rice and wheat. Mr. Qudah said the corporation was seeking investors by increasing incentives such as tax holidays and reduced red tape in the Kingdom's free zones at Aqaba and Zarqa.

"There will be a big movement of goods once the sanctions on Iraq are bifted," Mr. Qudah said. "We can only hope our expansion plans will meet the demand that is sure to be created in the coming years," he told the Associated

The Kingdom's main free

zone area in Agaba was established in 1973. It now has a built-up area of 25,000 square metres, 300,000 square metres of open space and cold storage facilities for 6,000 tonnes.

The corporation plans to increase the zone to 5 million square metres in the next two years to cater to an expected increase in industrial invest-

Another 2.5 million square metres will be allocated for a commercial free zone located on the beach, Mr. Oudah said. He said plans are under way to establish two free zone areas at Oueen Alia International Airport and at the Industrial City of Sahab outside the capit-

Expansion plans will also include the country's other major free zone area in Zarqa. The development plan envisages providing an additional 150,000 square metres to its present 550,000 square metres

Food production must be increased by 60% over 20 years ___ minister

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Ministry of Agriculture estimates that Jordan has to increase food productioo by at least 60 per cent in the next two decades to sufficiently supply the growing population, according to Agriculture Minister Mar-

wan Kamal. It is true that the prospect of horizontal expansion of agri-cultural land is limited, yet intensification of food production can take place by improving the efficiency of farming and through good food productioo management, said the mioister in a message marking World Food Day Saturday.

More food can be produced through animal husbandry, the introdoction of modern farming techniques and the cultivation of a wide range of plants. said the minister.

Dr. Kamal said that the Kingdom has significant wealth in cultivable lands which are still not utilised.

There is dire need for serious efforts to increase food production and this can be



accomplished through cooperation with other Arab countries and with help from specialised U.N. agencies and other organisations, Dr. Kam-

Neglect of wild life and vegetation results in the reduction of livestock weath, which could lead to the extinction of certain species of plants and animals, the minister warned.

He said the ministry of agriculture is proceeding with annual plans for afforestation and the creation of pasture lands, and it has enacted laws aimed at controlling hunting.

Experts discuss why suicides are on the rise and what can be done to prevent them

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Recent Public Security Department (PSD) statistics indicated a 20 per cent increase in the number of suicides over the last nine years. In 1984 there were only 33 snicide cases, but the number rose to 57 in 1992. The dramatic increase started to show at the beginning of 1990, since then 192 Jordamians were reported to have committed suicide.

Major Hussein K. Ibrahim, chief of the Records Department at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), attributed the increase in spicides to a rise in stress factors, including family arguments, social and economic problems and academie

The CID official pointed to economic changes io the country, saying that since 1989, the currency has dropped, thus, adding economic pressure on many citizens. "We have noticed also a decrease in family values and

of which play an important role in suicide," he added. Mr. Ibrahim said that nine years ago people did not face the same pressures they face

a rise in unemployment, both

· 1u 1984, 387 suieīde attempts and 33 suicides were reported. In 1985, the numbers jumped to 573 suicide attempts and 51 suicides, an increase of 48.6 per cent. But in 1986 the number of snicides fell to 33, and the number of attempted suicides decreased to 524.

. For the next four years the number of suicides remained steady with 48 per year in 1987 and 1988, and 47 per year in 1989 and 1990.

But in 1991, more than a year after the Gulf crisis when about 350,000 Jordanians returned to the Kingdom, suicides rose to 58, a 22. per cent increase over the previous four years.

Ratios of those who commit suicide, and why, have remained relatively constant since 1984.

For example, young adults between the ages of 18-27 represented 59.6 per cent of suicide cases, the unemployed 22.9 per cent; students. 25.1 per cent; those who fail in school exams, 7.8 per cent; and those involved in family arguments 47.2 per

Walid Sarhan, a psycholog-ist in private practice, said 70 per cent of those who think of and go through with suicide do so out of depression. "Individuals may reach a

certain stage where they feel that there is no point to life and choose to take their own life," Dr. Sarhan said.
"Suicide is a phenomenon

that is present in every society in the world, and it is increasing because life is becoming more complicated and demanding," according to Dr. Sarhan, who has treated patients suffering from depression.

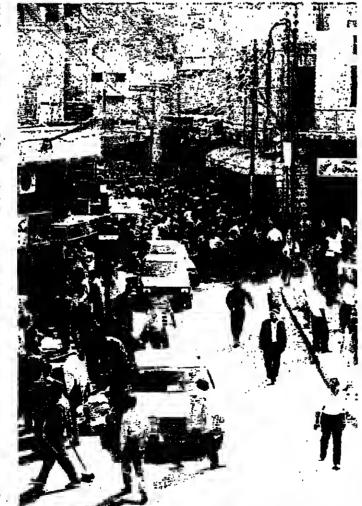
He said the addition of 350,000 Jordanians who returned to the Kingdom because of the 1990 Gulf crisis contributed significantly to the increase in suicides in the

early 1990s. With the influx into the population, said Dr. Sarhan, suicides woold proportionately increase, but the comber of suicides rose further because some of those returning had suffered mental and emotional stress

because of the war. Ismail Abdul Kader, director of Social Defence at the Ministry of Social Development, attributed the increase to failure in meeting life's

"Failure in meeting life's needs and its responsibilities especially securing employment, hence, ensuring a de-cent living, can push individuals to commit suicide," said Mr. Abdul Kader.

Poverty, unemployment, depression, family arguments and mental and physical disabilities, all contribute to suicide attempts. In addition, failure in school exams plays a role in suicide attempts, according to Mr. Abdul Kad-



Amman's crowded downtown shopping district bustles with activity. Experts agree that life is becoming more demanding, and increasing stress factors need to be dealt with by family, friends and professionals (Staff photo by Aynsley Floyd)

"When students fail their exams, they fell that they have disappointed their families," and some take the desperate measure of taking their own lives, he said.

Universally, the annual rate of suicide is 25 to 40 per

100,00 persons, said Dr. Sarhan, adding that in Jordan the ratio is significantly lower with one per every 100,00 individuals. Dr. Sarhan acknowledged that the reason the number of suicides are lower in Jordan compared to other countries is because of social cohesiveness.

"We hear of high rates of

suicide in the Scandinavian countries for example, becanse of their complex life and the loneliness people suffer, while here, our society is different, and people are willing to listen and help each other.

But, Dr. Sarhan said Jordan's suicide rate should not be ignored.
"The trend is that the num-

ber is on the increase, and we have to be careful about this," he stressed.

Dr. Sarhan believes that most people do not give snieide and pyschological problems the attention they

deserve, and said people tend to ignore such problems. He hlames the cultural bar-

riers, giving the example that if a person suffers from de-pression the society blames him/her for the illness. Dr. Sarhan said there are

several signs and indications that an individual may be contemplating suicide. He said signs to watch for in such persoos idelode loss of weight, gloominess, silence, depressioo, pessimism, a withdrawing from family and society, heavy drinking and smoking and losiog interest in news and what is going on in

'Individuals will see the black side of life never the bright side. It is a state of severe depression which eads someone to this behaviour.'

Dr. Sarhan said there are several ways suicide numbers could be reduced in our com-

Hospitals teod to discharge attempted suicide patients easly without considering providing them with professional help.
"Most iodividuals wbo

attempt suicide are released from hospital without being provided with any professional help which they need because if they do not talk to specialists they will attempt to kill themselves a second and a third time, until they succeed," said Dr. Sarhan.

He also blamed professionals and doctors who, he elaimed, are discouraged from discussing suicide when treating patients.

"They fear being blamed for the death of a patient, as if their patients will not think of suicide otherwise, he said. Dr. Sarhan acknowledged

that open communication and sympathy could help in preventing suicides among friends and relatives.

"If anyone we know displays any of the signs typical of suicide cases, or has already attempted to commit suicide, we should take them seriously and sympathise with them and try to help them in any way possible."

Amman to make fertilisers from city's solid waste

By Elia Nasrallah

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - The Amman Municipality is planning to conduct a pilot project that entails producing methane gas and fertilisers from solid waste collected from the Amman

The project which is being executed with the help of a Danish firm, is expected to become operational by the beginning of 1994, said an official at the municipality's Public Relations Department.

The rate of daily collection of waste from the Amman area now stands at 1,000 to 2,000 tonnes and is increasing with the rapid population growth and the various economic and industrial development io the

capital, said the official. The Danish firm will set up a

plant to produce up 40,000 tonnes of fertiliser from the waste collected by the municipality in Amman and will produce methane gas to generate electric power, noted the offi-

A feasibility study has been successfully prepared for the \$4 million project, and plans are under way now to start the project early next year, added the official.

In his view, the pilot project will be the first of its kind in the Arab World and the Asian region, and could develop into a technical training centre for

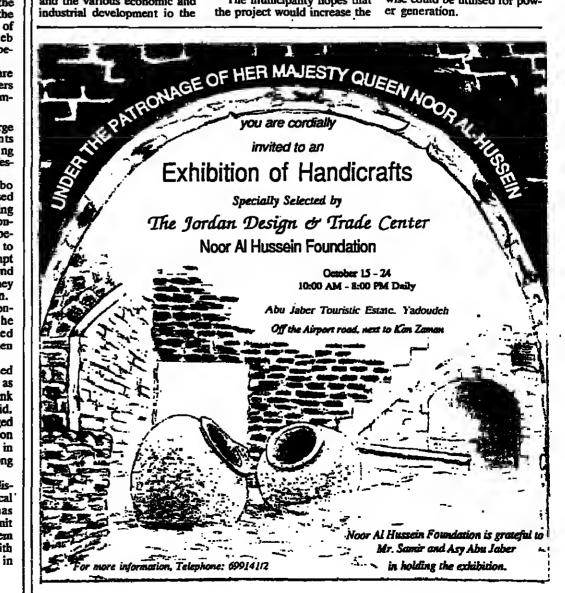
countries in the region. The municipality hopes that

Kingdom's total electric power generation hy four per cent, noting that the Danish firm would install special methanepowered turbines for the pur-

Furthermore, the project sbould reduce the foul odors rising from the garbage dumping sites since the fermented gas would be absorbed in the plant for the production of electricity, said the official.

Less garbage dumped on the soil means a reduced possibility of pollution to underground water resources, he added.

At present, the municipality estimates that 300,000 cubic metres of methane gas are lost daily in the air, which otherwise could be utilised for powthe project would increase the er generation.



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So rich and yet so poor

FIGURES RELEASED by the Arah League this Friday, putting the illiteracy rate among Arah men at 35.7 per cent and women at 62 per cent, are indeed alarming. Translated into real figures, they amount to no less than 120 million of the 240 million estimated population of the Arab World. True, the highest numbers are in the poor countries of Mauritania, Sudan and Yemen, but with the Arab World increasingly growing interdependent, these armies of people can only contribute to backwardness, ignorance, poverty and extremism.

Sudan, for example, which has the highest percentage of illiterate women, 88.3 per cent, has in fact one of the highest rates of intellectuals and some of the oldest universities in the Arah World. Yet, years of instability, military rule, coups and counter-coups and a decadelong ethnic conflict have all contributed to this appalling situation.

It is indeed a sbame to see the nation, whose Holy Book, the Koran, starts by the word "Read," be among the most illiterate in the world. This cannot and must not be blamed on colonialism or Zionism; only the ruling Arah elites that squandered the nation's fortunes on petty, internal struggles should bear the blame.

Arah leaders and intellectuals have for long now realised the fact that ignorance, and nothing else, is enemy number one. It is responsible for the dismal state of the nation today and it will shape its future. The prospect of generations of Sudanese raised by illiterate mothers is scaring. Especially when men are busy fighting their own wars for power and meagre resources.

Of course, every Arah country is able to defend itself on this score and hrandish wellthought of and designed plans to eradicate illiteracy. But these trivial projects will not do. What is needed is a massive transfer of funds from the armament race into education. Now that peace is almost at hand and the cold war is over, there is very little reason why Arabs should continue to huy hillions of dollars worth of arms while tens of thousands of their folk languish in ignorance. The rich Arabs cannot shirk responsibility towards their fellow Arabs in this regard. If Europe in its might is fearful of mass migration of people from the southern shores of the Mediterranean, shouldn't the rich Arabs fear an influx of poor Arabs from the Arah "South"?

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

ALTHOUGH THE slogans appearing on the posters in the streets aim primarily at attracting voters, the wordings appearing on these posters reflect the pressing issues and the interest of the public, said Al Dustour daily Saturday. Of course the voters hope that the slogans used in the election campaign will be translated into practice by the future deputies, and it is hoped that those who will be sitting in the Lower House in November will not let down their supporters and will work towards serving national goals, said the daily. This is the first multiparty parliamentary election in Jordan and there is no doubt that like the 1989 election, it will be held in an atmosphere of brotherly cooperation and will be free and fair to all, it continued. It is natural, added the paper, to see candidates putting up slogans and trying to win the favour of the voters by all means, but sooner rather than later these voters will make their choice and they are mature enoug o choose only those personalities whom they think will ft their aspirations at the domestic, pan-Arab and international levels. Needless to say that the election campaign is bound to help the candidates win public support for their programmes, but it should be noted, said the paper, that the public is not 'affected only by the slogans in the streets, they are rather influenced by the personalities of the candidates, their political and tribal affiliations and their past experience and service to the nation. It is hoped, concluded the paper, that the coming election, following the present campaign, would bring to Parliament an elite that would dedicate its time and effort to safeguard the higher national interests and not their own.

TAREQ MASARWEH, columnist in Al Ra'l daily, made remarks Saturday about the posters appearing in the streets of Amman, noting that the slogans are different from those that appeared in the 1989 election. The slogans do not carry major programmes, promising to deal with corruption and unemployment, noted Masarweh. Familiar or traditional names of candidates who ran for the previous election, he said, do not appear this time, and except for the Islamic Action Front and the Baath Party, no other political parties are directly involved in the election campaign, added the writer. In conclusion, he said, the slogans and the names elearly manifest the fact that mo t of the aspirants to the coming Parliament are running in their own capacity or representing tribes and clans and are supported by family members and relatives.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Al Fanek

Jordanian economic agenda: Issues to be addressed by working group

tion has been formed during the high level meeting in the White House on Oct. 1, 1993, between His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the foreign minister of Israel and President Bill. Clinton of the United States.

Jordan apparently agreed to establish this committee in order to make sure that economie issues related to Jordan will not be addressed in its absence and because the Palestinian-Israeli economic committee is not the proper place to decide on matters related to the Kingdom.

In the absence of bard information, it may be inevitable to peculate about the issues which this unprecedented committee will tackle and the items which each party would bke to place on the agenda of the trilateral committee.

To start with, we assume that the following issues will be high on the agenda, at least as far as Jordan is concerned: The first may be the nature of economic normalisation which Jordan can accept after peace is formally achieved. Normalisa-

tion, to us, should not mean more than an overall Arab decision to abolish the economic boycott against Israel and start to deal with it, just like any other state in the area, such as Turkey or Cyprus. A common market, a free trade area, or a customs union are out of question, at least in the first stages. The second issue is control of the bridges. Jordan will not

tolerate the status quo where Israel is left to decide unilaterally which commodities or persons are allowed to cross the bridges to which direction and which are not.

The third is Jordan's access to the West Bank market during the transitional period of five years. Jordan is entitled to the same terms and conditions applicable to Israel — The West Bank

A Jordanian-Israeli-American committee for economic coopera- should not remain a captive market for Israeli products without competition, otherwise all foreign aid coming to the occupied territories will end up in Israel alone.

The fourth issue is the channel to feed the Dead Sea with water. Jordan prefers a channel from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea via Wadi Araba, after Israeli withdrawal from the Jordanian side of the valley, forming the border between Jordan and Israel according to British mans.

The fifth is the practical arrangement for a smooth return of Palestinian refugees who left the West Bank and Gaza after June 4, 1967.

The sixth is a short-cut air corridor for civil aviation. The 30-minute extra flight-time to avoid the Israeli airspace for each flight from or to Jordan is costing our national carrier, Royal Jordanian, some \$25 million a year.

The seventh possible issue is to coordinate marketing of phosphates and potash in international markets, in order to eliminate the current Israeli malpractices and cut-throat competition, which hurts the two sides

Last but not least, and since the United States is a full partner in the committee, Jordan will urge the American side to secure more foreign aid to compensate Jordan for the buge burdens shouldered by the Jordanian economy during the past 45 years to absorb three major waves of Palestinian refugees. Jordan also expects a substantial reduction of its heavy debts, just like Egypt and Poland, and the termination of economic sanctions agains Iraq which caused Jordan losses that are second only to the losses

There is every reason to believe that the above issues can be resolved satisfactorily by the committee.

Arab Americans involved in the 1993 elections

By Dr. James Zogby

THE WORK of becoming a respected political force in a democracy is a continuing pro-cess. And so, Arab Americans, though fully engaged in the dramatic developments taking place in the Middle East, are keeping one eye focused on the important November 1993 elections and our domestie pobtical work.

There is a saying in American politics: "All politics are local." For an ethnic community, this saying means that, in order to become a political force, they must be organised and be able to deliver votes and money to support candidates on the local level.

In the past, too many Arab Americans focused simply on the Middle East. When they organised at all, they organised to educate or to lobby on Middle East issues. Their assumption was that if the public and politicians knew the truth, they would change their behaviour and policy and support the

This is not the case. Political power in a democracy is a function of a group's organised voting strength and its ability to support and work in the campaigns that elect the politicians who, in turn, make the decisions that shape foreign

and domestic policies.

For at least ten years now, a strong core group of Arab Americans have taken seriously the challenge of becoming a more effective political force. They bave worked in their local communities to increase Arab American voter strength,they have formed political clubs in both the Republican. and Democratic parties, they have raised money for candi-dates for city council, school board and mayors and senators and congressmen. And on a number of occasions they have run and been elected to public

This is the kind of work that elected 55 Arab Americans as delegates to the Democratic National Convention in 1988 and forced the party, for the first time, to debate the issue of Palestinian rights. This is the kind of work that secured for Arah Americans, for the first time, official recognition as a group in both the Democratic and Republican parties. This is the work that helped Arab Americans win recognition in their local communities and assisted them in gaining elective office, appointments to political posts and access to every level of government. And this is the work that has earned Arab Americans unprecedented access to both foreign and domestic policy makers in the Clinton administration.

Their hard work during the 1992 elections earned Arab Americans respect from the Clinton team. Arab American Democrats knew Mr. Clinton needed to win the states of Michigan and Ohio and so, working with the national Clinton/Gore campaign, Arab American Democrat activists in these states mobilised their community to win votes for Mr. Clinton. The national campaign produced material in Arabic, worked with an Arab. American coordinator and organised events to win this

. And this summer, when the president needed extra support to pass his budget through Congress, the Democratic Party turned to their network of local activists to mobilise a grassroots lobbying effort to urge local members of Congress to vote for the president.

Again, Arab Americans were directly involved in the Clinton team. Arab Americans wrote letters, called and visited the 57 members of Congress they were assigned to lobby. And when the budget passed, Arab American Democrats were invited to the White House, together with other constituent group leaders, in recognition of the efforts they made on the president's be-

And now, while Arab Americans are actively working with the administration to pursue the peace process, they havenot forgotten the lesson that it was their local political work that gained them the recognition and access in the first place. And so they are involved in many of the election campaigns taking place across the U.S. this fall.

Although the November 1993 races are considered "offyear elections" (since there are no congressional, senatorial or presidential races), the many local contests that are being decided are important to both the local issues that affect the lives of millions of Americans and also to a group's ability to maintain its position as a respected political force.

The activity of Arab Americans, in one recent week alone, demonstrates the new political savvy of the national community.

"Winning local office is important not only for the access that it providesto government and decision-makers, bnt also because an ethnic community's elected officials earn local respect for that community and elevate its standing nationally as well."

In Virginia, the Arab American Democrats and Arab American Republicans combined to host that state's fourth bi-annual Hafla and Candidates' Night. The respect accorded to that state's Arab Americans was seen in the fact that the event was attended by both the Democratic and Republican candidates for governor, heutenant governor and attorney general — the three highest offices up for election

This was only one of a few occasions when all six candidates attended the same event to court the vote of a community. All the candidates, including the Democratic candidate for governor, Mary Sne Terry, and her Republican challenger, George Allen, addressed, the concerns of Arab Americans in an effort to win their support. Other sixteen candidates for local office partici-

pated and mixed with the 400 Arab Americans in attendance. The fact that 400 members of the community came to the event was important, because the Candidates' Night was competing with a number of other Arab American social events taking place at the same time in the area.

To he sure that their seriousness was appreciated by the state's political leadership, before the night's event began the Arab American Democrats hosted a small fundraiser for Mary Sue Terry. At the event, Ms. Terry committed to working with Arab Americans to support an expansion of Arab Americans' political role in the state and to studying the

raised and contributed nearly \$20,000 to these races, and in addition to local funds raised by Arab American activists, national mailings have raised thousands more to support these candidates.

While the Israel-PLO agreement has reduced problems for most Arab Americans who are seeking to gain influence in U.S. politics, in few isolated cases there are remnants of the

old "cold war." In one race for state senate in California, an Arab American woman, Amal Barkouki, is running for the Democratic nomination. Her opponent, who is Jewish, has sent out a fundraiser to local Jewisb Americans which call for their

In politics, some things change and some things remain the same. What is constant is the continuing need to remain focused on local -political organising because it is the lifeblood of a community's political strength. And it is this community will be heard, respected and able to shape the national debate on issues that concern

formation of a Virginia-Arab Trade commission.

At the weekend, Arab Americans in Miebigan gathered at a political lead-ership training conference. Co-sponsored by ten Arab American organisations, the event drew 150 Arab American activists to a full day's programme of worksbops and panels on political organising, voter registration, lobbying and involvement in the political parties.

The event was addressed by a number of locally elected officials and political leaders. The night before the conference, the entire community was invited to Candidates Night which drew 50 candidates for local and state offices. Especially important to the Michigan Arab American community are the reelection campaigns of two Arab American city council members, Suzanne Sareini in Dearborn and Peter Nicholas in Ann

Both these incumbents first won their seats four years ago, with strong Arab American community support, becoming the first Arab Americans to win elections in their com-munities. Their reelection, with organised Arab American support, is vital to show that Arab Americans will continue to be a committed political

Winning local office is important not only for the access that it provides to government and decision-makers, but also because an ethnic community's elected officials earn local respect for that community and elevate its standing nationally as well. That is why Arab Americans are coming to understand the need to support these Arab Americans as they run for office, wherever they are located.

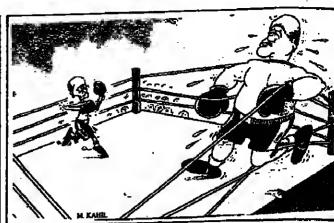
This fall, 20 Arab Americans are ronning in the "off-year elections." They include seven candidates for mayor (of whom six are incumbents seeking reelection), four candidates for state legislature and nine for city council. Already the Arab American community has

support to stop what he describes as the "anti-Israeli candidacy" of Barkouki. Indicative of the new political winds which are blowing in the U.S. today, this crude effort to defame this respected Arab American political activist has been repudiated by many Jewisb leaders, and was de-nounced by the chair of the California Democratic Party.

Another sign of change could be seen at the semi-annual meeting of the Democratic National Committee (The DNC is the ruling body of the DNC is the runing cody of the Democratic Party). The DNC, which had in the past been the site of heated political battles between Arab American Democrats and Jewish American Democrats, witnessed cruite a different scenario this year. Arab Americans and Jewish American Democrats and the National Party chair introduced and passed a combined resolution supporting the Israeli-PLO accords as providing a step towards "ensurmg Israel's security and guaranteeing Palestinian's legitimate, political rights." Then, on Thursday night, over 200 Arab American and Jewish American delegates from sacross the country joined to host the "first ever combined Arab American/Jewish American Democratic reception." Speakers at the event included the chairman of the DNC. David Wilhelm, and a host of Arab American and Jewish American officials and party

leaders. In politics, some things change and some things remain the same. What is constant is the continuing need to remain focused on local political organising because it is the lifeblood of a community's political strength. And it is this strength which determines whether or not a community will be heard, respected and able to shape the national debate on issues that concern it.

The writer is president of the Washington-based Arab American Institute. He contributed this article to the Jordan



Somalia stakes: Small for America, big for Clinton

By Jim Hoagland -

WASHINGTON - Bill Clinton believes that America's global leadership must now be rescued in the barren wastes of Somalia. He halances an elephant on a mous

His speech on Thursday, with its air of world crisis, was more of an indictment of his administration's mismanagement of a small, incidental conflict that is allowed to get out of hand than a national call to arms to confront a grave

America's credibility and prestige are at stake whenever and wherever American presidents engage them. There is no permanent loss or a permanent repair of the power that America commands on the world scene, as Vietnam and Opera-tion Desert Storm both proved. That is why presidents must choose carefully in committing that power when America's interests are not directly attacked. The stakes become what the president says they are, at least temporarily.

Mr. Clinton defines the national choice in Somalia as leaving in dishonour or staying to protect American credibility. That is a description of the dilemma that no president should ever allow himself to be

The "dishonour/credibility" dilemma is vague enough to let enemies and friends manipulate American purpose for their own ends. It inevitably invites the president to confuse his own political reputation with America's standing in the world. At it allows intangible, emotional factors to dictate the expenditure of valuable Amer-

There is no U.S. national interest at stake in Somalia beyond three intangibles created by the American presence there: U.S. reputation, the damage that American with-drawal does to American allies and the United Nations, and the U.S. ability to avenge American losses. Those are serious concerns. But they would not exist if American troops bad never gone to Somalia and become engaged in a small war against a local

So I think the president erred in getting the nation to this point. But even those of us who bave been sceptical from the outset of the military aspects of the Somali operation cannot press for an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops in the circumstances that Mr. Clinton described.

The debate is about how America leaves, not whether America leaves. The choice Mr. Clinton has confronted Americans (and the world) with is leaving Somalia precipi-tously and callously or leaving in a controlled fashion that minimises the damage already done. If Mr. Clinton and his advisers can successfully manage a last chance to achieve a realistic mix of goals and means in Somalia, the world will be better off than if America abandoned Somalia over-

Beneath Thursday's "We must draw the line" rhetoric was a fundamental acknowledgement by the president that no new world order or model for African democracy will come out of the modest increase in U.S. forces that be announced. His goal is now to give Somalia "a reasonable chance" to end its political chaos and perpetual starvation. He must stick to that reasonable measures.

He should also be modest about what America can reasonably expect to accomplish in the way of retribution against Mohammad Farab Aideed and in deterring other international bandits. The prospects of accomplishing either are too uncertain to justify significant new loss of life by Americans or innocent Somalis. Revenge, while a powerful buman emotion, isnot a sustainable national interest or the basis for a wise policy. There comes a point at which the desire for retribution and the implausible notion that punishment will deter future Aideeds must give way to a realistic assessment of the costs in American and Somali lives.

The Somalis have a proverb that the president should consider as he sets limits on what American troops will now do in Somalia: "In the ocean, one does not need to sow water." Somalis do not need Americans to rain violence and destruction down on them, any more than American need to travel balfway around the world to be urban policemen.

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American objectives have veered off course in Somalia as President Clinton has been absorbed in domestic affairs and as his foreign policy advis-ers bave failed to fashion a coherent approach in his absence. The one constant has been the refusal to devote political and diplomatic attention commensurate to the demands placed on American soldiers

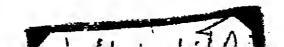
Until now, the president has ignored the first law of politics: When you get yourself in a hole, stop digging. Now he plays the role of a movie cowboy brandishing bis revolvers to cover his retreat as he backs out the saloon door.

A successful exit will require President Clinton's sustained attention and effort. His high profile support for a regional diplomatic solution to be negotiated by Ambassador Robert Oakley is a good begin-

Amercia's world leadership will eventually recover even if this administration flubs the exit and Somalia goes back to a disaster. Bill Clinton's reputation for leadership would not - The Washington Post.

Letters to the Editor

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Yeltsin media crackdown stirs fears for future

Reuter

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin has cracked down on the communist press, arguing that the cancer of communism must be subdued so democracy

Bnt many leading journalists fear democracy could be the first victim as Russia prepares for parliamentary elections.

Russia's Press and Information Ministry ordered the sacking of the editors of two communist dailies on Thursday. The action had no apparent basis in law and the manner of its execution recalled the Soviet era.

A curt fax conveyed the order to Sovietskaya Rossiya and Pravda. The latter was also told to change its name to put Pravdy (path of truth), a title it carried to beat tsarist censorship 80 years ago.
"As press minister I proceed

from the assumption that the state should have its ideology," said Vladimir Shumeiko, appointed press and information minister after the crushing of a hardline mutiny early this

"The principles of democracy and the free market are all the same ideology. I think the state should have a powerful state-owned mass media to promote this ideology," he

Georgy Satarov, a liberal

sin had no personal authorita-rian_designs.

"But in a country as large as Russia, the president alone doesn't decide," he told Reuters. "Various groups vie for influence. One has won a victory and doesn't want to lose

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He saw the sacking of the two editors and summary banning of other more militant nationalist and communist publications as possing a broader threat to the media and democracy.

The political situation in Russia has developed along such lines that the media are the only possible opposition,

Militant opposition orga-nisations such as the communists, who had supported the parliamentary rebellion, had been banned.

They therefore have no direct channel for influencing public opinion. Now the last channel, the press, is becoming the object of attention from state authorities "I think this is a dangerous process," he said. Viktor Loshak, deputy edi-

tor of Moscow News Magazine, said Mr. Yeltsin was failing to distinguish between newspapers that had openly provoked bloodshed and legitimate opposition. The former should be shut, but by the courts and not by personal

He saw a danger Mr. Yeltsin

could push the opposition on to the streets in the campaign for December's parliamentary

The political pulse beats on. There are people who support the communists and socialists and they do not go away. If their opinion is not expressed in newspapers it may come out at night in wall slogans, stickers or leaflets. If there are leaflets then the danger is we may experience all that can follow — underground organisations, terrorist red bri-

A state of emergency, imposed hy Mr. Yeltsin at the height of the Oct. 3 uprising, is expected to be lifted on Sunday or Monday. But radical aides such as Gennady Burbulis say the danger of a "reac-tionary-revanchist" movement remains.

He may be right. Russia today is not a western-style liberal democracy. The arms and violence that entered the political debate in early Octoher were not purged with the storming of the White

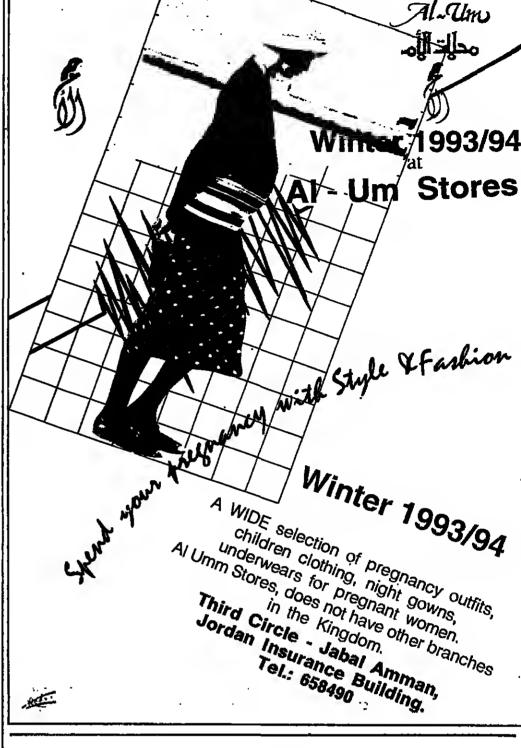
The argument of Mr. Yeltsin's radical advisers, in ess-ence, is that militants ready to use arms and deceit cannot be purged using the instruments of courts and litigation alone. As Mr. Yeltsin said when he

abolished parliament on Sept. 21, triggering the crisis, the interests of the nation are more

mal adherence to norms."

The democratic organisa-Some supporters of Mr. tions will fall into several struc-Yeltsin's reforms nonetheless tures which will spare nothing fear the interests of the nation could be lost in a power strug in fighting each other and their gie of the victors around the opponents for seats in parliament," Mr. Golembiovsky president. The media may be one victim, but the losses could

"In this way they may begin to lose. It's one thing to have supporters in Moscow, but another matter out there in the distant Russian provinces. The Russian democratic movement, in the hroad sense, is mistaken in thinking it is bound to win the elections."



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Eastern European hopes fade on quick NATO membership

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coaxed the president through a

year of fruitless negotiation

with parliamentary opponents

of the liberal Izvestia newspaper, said he believed Mr. Yelt-

lgor Golembiovsky, editor

take a back seat.

By Nicholas Doughty

BRUSSELS — Eastern European hopes that they could join North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) soon are fad-ing fast, as western leaders under pressure from Russia line up to tell them that expanding the alliance is some

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A string of statements from NATO members in recent days has made clear that an alliance summit in January will not immediately open the door for countries like Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to'

Germany, which had pushed the hardest for NATO to take in some former Warsaw Pact members who are worried about regional instability and the chaos in Russia, has now toned

down its support in what diplo-mats said was the most significant change.

Boris Yeltsin

adviser to Mr. Yeltsin, called

Mr. Shumeiko's words "the

summit of totalitarian

In the aftermath of the Mos-

cow uprising, in which more than 170 died, it is the radicals

such as Mr. Shumeiko and Mr.

Yeltsin Media Adviser Mikhail

Denmark and France have also said they do not favour rapid changes, while the United States, NATO's senior member, appears undecided so

Kohl has said he thought expanding NATO was a question for "a further-off future."

members got a shock-earlier chis month when Russian President Boris Yeltsin sent them a letter in which he said Mos-cow, clearly fearing isolation. disapproved of expanding the alliance eastwards.

But the armed rebellion in Moscow last week powerfully reinforced Mr. Yeltsin's mes-

could risk much if it upsets hardliners in Russian political and military circles by taking on new members.

Mr. Kohl alluded to fears that Europe's higgest military power could turn against the West if it was not handled in a sensitive way. "I know that everything that would come after Yeltsin would he much German Chancellor Helmut more difficult." he said.

German Defence Minister Germany and other NATO Volker Ruehe has also been careful to underline recently that NATO should make Russia what he calls a "strategic parmer". rather than isolate it.

"Russia is a very important factor for lasting stability in Europe as shown in the past few days," he said last week. 'We will only achieve stability

Denmark said on Monday Eastern European nations should not expect to join soon, citing another argument that expanding the alliance could weaken its internal cohesion at a time of great instabil-

ity in Europe. Nobody can ask us to jeopardise our own security." said Danish Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said last week he did not believe NATO should

be expanded immediately.

The problem for NATO is how it should halance support for Russia with the increasingly urgent demands of Eastern European states who say that the problems in Moscow serve only to underline why they should be admitted to the alliance soon.

Republic and Bulgaria have said their goal remains unchanged and they are unwilling to consider Mr. Yeltsin's alternative proposal - that Russia and NATO should jointly guarantee their security.

NATO has so far refused to offer its former enemies membership or security guarantees but has given them closer diplomatic and military ties through a "Cooperation Council" that now groups more than

"It's now clear we can't do much for just one group of countries at the January summit." said one NATO official. "We have to limit ourselves for now to developing a twintrack approach that offers something real to everyone in terms of improved links, in-

Commonwealth seeks new focus as apartheid rallying call fades

By Peter Bale

LONDON — The commonwealth is seeking to redefine itself now that the end of apartheid in South Africa has rob-bed it of its great rallying point

and source of tension. Leaders of 48 of the 50 member states meet in Cyprus next week to give new direction to the organisation which critics say is an irrelevant and unwanted legacy of colonialism.

As usual, South Africa which pulled out of the Commonwealth in 1961 - is expected to be a major talking

With the emergence of a multi-racial South Africa, debate promises to be more constructive than traditional rows between Britain and African states demanding action against Pretoria.

This year the Common-wealth, which groups Britain and its former colonies, may look deeper at what its role should be in helping South Africa in its shaky transition to democracy rather than penalis-

ing it for its racial policies.

"We can prove that the Commonwealth is about more than confrontation on South African issues," British Fore-ign Secretary Douglas Hurd said in a speech in advance of the meeting.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Chief Emeka Anyaoku hopes the meeting can address the promotion of , democracy and economic development in South Africa and

"If people remain wretchedly poor and starving then democracy and respect for human rights will mean nothing." he says. "So we pay equal attention to what the Commonwealth can do to assist the socio-economic development of its members."

The Commonwealth must also practice what it preaches. Mr. Anyaoku takes pride that only three Commonwealth states remain under military or one-party rule -- down from

For a long time the Com-

itself in favour of noble principles and yet a number its members were always found wanting." he says.

The last Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Harare in 1991 helped shape a new course. It produced a declaration calling for "renewed vigour" in prom-oting democracy and develop-ing market economies in mem-

Some critics say that the week-long Commonwealth meetings are a no more than a time-wasting gentlemen's club.

monwealth seemed vulnerable to the charge that it declared tute of International Affairs." gap between first world and Third World states."

'I'm a little hit sceptical about its future," says Professor

But I think it's useful in a symbolic sense. It hridges the

The South African govern-ment has a difficult relationship with the Commonwealth, an enemy from the old apartheid days. But the African National Congress (ANC), which expects to be the biggest party in the first democratically-elected government, sees

it as an important partnership. South Africa is expected to rejoin under a government led by ANC chief Nelson Mandela

after elections due next April. "It's an important bridge between European interests and Africa," said a senior ANC official. "It's the only one to bring the north and south, cast and west together."

Such rhetoric pleases Commonwealth enthusiasts. When British Prime Minister

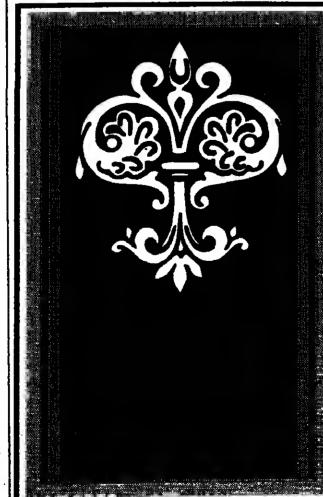
John Major meets other Commonwealth leaders he does so not with the baggage of colo-nial master and permanent member of the U.N. Security Council hut as an equal, according to the organisation's

"Membership of the Com-monwealth is a comfortable, loose-fitting garment round our shoulders," said Mr. Hurd. Other states see it similarly

and membership continues to rise - Cameroon may join, South Africa may return as could Fiji which left after a racially-motivated military

coup. No one sees the republican movement in Australia, and to a lesser extent New Zealand, as a threat to the Commonwealth. Only 15 of the 50 members retain Queen Elizabeth as head of state.

"It's much more than the wasting face of an empire," says Dr. Peter Lyon of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and the University of London. "It's a useful second order post-imperial international organisation and anglophonic forum."



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Mitterrand denounces U.S. domination at Francophone summit

PORT LOUIS (AFP) -French President François Mitterrand Saturday sought the backing of French-speaking nations for his country's opposition to a world trade pact, arguing that American cultural domination could spell

He made the call against a background of stalled world trade talks in the general Agreement on Tariffs and Trade IGATT). at the opening of fifth Francophone summit attended by representatives of 47 nations.

Separately, Mr. Mirterrand hailed the advance of democracy in Africa but said he feared the continent could regress quickly if poverty and underdevelopment continued there. He pledged France would "continue to put priority on French-speaking Africa in its aid and development policy" and said efforts undertaken by the "countries of the North" were still "insufficient."

Mr. Mitterrand demanded that cultural issues be kept out of the GATT accord, affirming that "it would be disastrous to assist the generalisation of a sole cultural model," referring to European efforts to kee i out a flood of mass market U.S. films and television prog-

What is al stake, and ther fore in peril, in the current negotiations is the right of each country to forge its imagination and to transmit to future generations the representation of its own identity," he said "we must preserve this heritage together and declare that our cultures are not up for

U.N. Secretary Boutros Boutros-Ghali for his part stressed that the Francophone World should not consider itself as "a citadel besieged" by English, saying there was a place for "multi-lingualism."

The prime minister of Mauritius, Sir Anerood Jugnauth had earlier opened the three-day summit appealing to recession-hit industrialised countries to resist protection-

The economic recession must not lead the countries of the North to disengage from the developing countries," he

Mr. Mitterrand, referring to France's stand against a U.S.-



Francois Mitterrand

EC agricultural accord in the GATT's Uruguay Round, in return asked the participants for solidarity with France, reaffirming that Paris would not agree to a GATT pact which was to the detriment of France and European countries.

French farmers are enraged because the European Community (EC) subsidies which allowed them to conquer nearly a quarter of the world export market for grain this year are being severely cut hack under the "Blair House" accord in the GATT's Uruguay Round.

Market access negotiations involving GATT's 110-plus member countries are being held up in Geneva because France continues to resist the Blair House deal and the United States refuses to give an inch in the other direction.

Turkey asks U.S. to help compensate for sanctions will C ble spots" including former Yugoslavia, the Caucasus, ward to our common efforts to Turkey's first woman prime

WASHINGTON (Agencies)

— President Bill Clinton said Friday he wanted to help Turkey cope with the financial losses it has suffered because of the U.N. embargo on fraq but without spending U.S. tax dollars.

Mr. Clinton also ruled out negotiating with Kurdish guerrillas to obtain freedom for an American kidnapped in eastern Turkey Oct. 9 by the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK). "We don't bargain or negou-ate with terrorists." Mr. Clin-

ence with visiting Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller. The PKK has repeatedly warned foreign tourists to stay out of eastern and southeast-ern Turkey, where its inde-pendence war launched in 1984

ton told a joint news confer-

has cost more than 7.500 lives. Tension in the region has risen steadily since may when PKK rebels broke a unilateral ceasefire declared in March.

The PKK said the American, named as Patrick Connor, was taken with a New Zealander. identified as Ernis Dougar. and would be held until their governments officially contacted the PKK.

Mr. Clinton said he intended to help Turkey deal with security problems within its own The president heard and appeal from Ms. Ciller for help

because the three-year-old

embargo on Baghdad is burt-

ing Turkey's economy. "We discussed today some ideas for helping Turkey in that regard, some of which did not involve the direct outlay of tax dollars of the transfer from one government to another."
Mr. Clioton told a joint news
conference with Ms. Ciller.

Mr. Clinton gave no details of his ideas. He said U.S. and Turkish officials would talk further about the problem and that he would let Ms. Ciller. minister, make an announcement at the appropriate time. "We could not have con-

dneted the successful operation in the Gulf war ...had it not been for the indispensable support of Turkey ...they have paid a significant economic price." Mr. Clinton said.

Turkey was Iraq's largest trading partner before the Gulf crisis and has lost an estimated \$300 million a year in transit fees since it closed twin Iraqi oil export pipelines across its territory in August 1990. "We're going to have a very serious dialogue about that in

an attempt to recognise the significant price that Turkey has paid for supporting not only the United States but the world's policies in this regard." Mr. Clinton said.

Mr. Clinton said the two leaders discussed Turkey's role "in beloing to play a stabilising role in a bost of regional trouCentral Asia. Iraq and Iran. He praised the 47-year-old Turkish leader saying she "represents a new generation of

leadership in Turkish politics

at a time when the world needs new leadership for a new era. Ms. Ciller picked up on Mr. Clinton's remark and replied: "I think it's natural, since we both represent a generation, the generation of change, both of us want to do things differently and better," Mr. Clinton is

aiso 47. She said Turkey "serves as a secular democratic model for her neighbouring countries seeking to develop pluralistic political systems. Likewise, Turkey's secularism acts to de-flect the rising tide of (Muslim) fundamentalism.

Mr. Clinton said he was encouraged after the talks about the Cyprus problem.

"I was very impressed with

try and resolve this in the near

future," he said. He said Ms. Ciller said she hoped to have a constructive relationship with Greece's new prime minister, Andreas Papandreou, and would push for elections in Turkish-controlled northern Cyprus by the end of November and for resuming a dialogue between the Turkish and Greek Cypriot communities on confidencebuilding measures.

"I think for a Turkish prime minister, that's about all I could ask right now," Mr.

Clinton said. Ms. Ciller said maybe, "new methodology" is needed to solve the Cyprus issue. "I feel that a solution in

Cyprus should be found, and as soon as possible. We feel that there are two communities there that need to come together." she said.

French franc hits new low against mark run in to a European currency

PARIS (R) — The French franc hit an all-time low against the German mark Friday while a hattle of wills heated up between currency markets and the Paris government.

Dealers said many investors. as they did during the European currency crisis last summer, think French interest rates are intolerably high at a time of record 11.7 per cent unemployment and economic stagnation and that must be cut

But the governor of the Bank of France was at pains to say Friday there would be no change of tack and he denied that industry was suffering from the dear money policy Paris is pursuing to keep the franc up with the mark in the union by the end of the cen-

The franc briefly sank to 3.5480 to the mark in relatively thin trade around lunchtime before recovering its poise to end around 3.5430, a centime

or so below Thursday's close. The franc's previous low against the mark had been 3.5470 on Aug. 13, a formight after it was all but floated against the European anchor currency after the last round of market pressure on the EC's semi-fixed exchange rate mechanism (ERM).

On Friday, it was 3.3 per cent below its former ERM

Jean-Francois Mercier, an economist at Salomon

Brothers, said the currency market was set to remain very jumpy in the next few weeks and months, adding that be saw the frane settling around 3.60 per mark in the medium

"The market is completely speculative. People are going to try to push the franc down as far as possible," one dealer

Some traders said the dip Friday was caused by Prime Minister Edouard Ballacher, who told reporters on a train trip to the western port of Nantes he was not worned about the franc's level, putting it down to a fit of

unusual demand for the mark. He said: "I'm not at all worried. It's not a bout of weakness of the franc, it is a bout of strength of the Deutschemark.'

Bank of France Governor Jean-Claude Trichet went out of his way to reassert that French policy is not for turn-

He told a financial conference the central bank's policies were very clear, twice repeat-ing this phrase: "The monetary policy followed hy the Bank of France is a policy of internal and external credibility and

stability of the currency." That means keeping rates bigh enough to ensure mvestors do not switch from France to Germany, where the Bundesbank is using high rates to fight inflation fuelled by rebuilding in the east.

Tin prices strengthen

LONDON (R) -- The price of tin strengthened Friday, on the belief that huge stocks overhanging the market could soon start to fall, and is now about 11 per cent above its recent lows, metal dealers said.

A tonne of tin was fetching \$4,810 on the London Metal Exchange, up \$120, with its gains helped by news of possible output cuts by Brazil one of the world's biggest producers.

"Sentiment has changed becanse of that (the Brazil news) and people are becoming more interested in huying the market now. What it needs is good consumer interest to follow it through," one dealer said.

Hanbo chairman to visit Jordan this week

AMMAN (J.T.) - Mr. Chung Tai-Soo, the chairman of Hanbo Group of the Republic of Korea will arrive Thursday on a six-day visit to Jordan to discuss with Jordanian officials and businesmen means of consolidating business cooperation as well as investment prospects hetween prospects between

Jordan and Hanbo Group. Hanbo has been executing petroleum exploration projects in Risha and Sirhan areas since July, 1992 and in North Ghor Conversion project in the Jordan Valley since January, 1993. Hanbo has executed many major development projects in Jordan since 1975 inirrigation projects, raising of King Talal Dam, Irbid Water Supply projects, Deir Alla-Amman Water Supply projects, and Royal Jordanian Air Force Operation Centres.

Hanbo was honoured by His Majesty King Hussein by the awards of the Order of King Hussein Bin Ali on May 3, 1983 and the First Order of Istiklal Medal on May 4, 1993 in appreciation of its contribution to the development process in the Kingdom.

Euro Disney price cuts will not help profits, analysts say

prices at the Euro Disney Theme Park will probably hring more people through the gates of the "magic kingdom" but could hurt its chances of making profits, share analysts

say.
Disney's fantasy world outside Paris, complete with Mickey Mouse and rollercoaster rides, was expected to be a crowd-puller when it opened 18 months ago.

But attendances have lagged behind expectations, partly be-cause to steep prices for entry. hutel rooms and food. Recent had weather and a protest by French farmers on Euro Disney's doorstep have soured the stock for investment analysts. Just days after its shares hit an all-time low of 49.20 French francs (\$8.60). Euro Disney SCA announced this week that it would offer rooms at as little at 300 French francs (\$53) and

would cut food prices. A Euro Disney spokesman said: "We're trying to make it a destination which is affordable for everyone and offer an

even wider price range."
"I am not convinced it will add to profitability but it will add to visitors," said Natwest seller analysi Charles Allen. The park, the fourth to be built by Walt Disney Co. of the United States around the

world, made a net loss of 1.08

billion francs (\$188.5 million)

and some analysts expect a full-year loss of nearly twice

Media analyst Rebecca Winnington-Ingram at Morgan Stanley in London said the price cuts would probably encourage more visits but noted they were not being applied to peak holiday periods like Christmans or Easter, when people really wanted to go.

Mr. Allen said it would be

hard to turn more but chaper visits into hetter returns. "It is difficult to see how they will make any money. The ability to cut costs is just as

important as getting people through the doors, he said. The Euro Disney spokesman said the price cuts would not hit operating margins since prices at its more upmarket hotels and restaurants would remain the same.

"We remain very strong on our top-of-the-range segment," he said, adding that the Theme Park also intended to increase the quality of its ser-

Analysts said that by slashing rates. Euro Disney was paying the price of asking too much for its services at the

When it opened, Mr. Allen said. the company charged too high a premium for the Disney hrand on food and services.

Russia frees bread prices

MOSCOW (R) - Russia freed bread prices Friday, scrapping one of the last hig subsidies inberited from the economic planning of the Soviet era and worrying people on low incom-

The move did not immediately have a major impact on the price of a loaf in Moscow's shops, where bread cost 135 roubles, worth about 12

cents, on Friday. But ITAR-TASS news agency said the price would probbegan stocking up with bread just in case .

"It's a catastrophe," said pensioner Yuri Zhukov, 63, speaking at a central Moscow metro station. "Prices will go up two or three times. Russians love three things hread, potatoes and cahbage. We have to have market reforms, but they have to be done in a way that lets people

live better. The government has promised bread allowances to help low-income families cope with the higher prices and it provides special subsidies to the

elderly Bread prices have risen sharply since the government removed most price controls at the start of 1992 in a drive to transform a centrally-planned system to a market economy modelled on that in the West.

But subsidies to farmers and producers bad capped the bread price rise. TASS said higher bread prices would hring costs into line with higher grain prices since the government decided in September to cut grain subsidies.

The government said curbing grain subsidies would help bring the budget deficit under control and cut the need for credits.

In a second attempt to rein in subsidies and a surging budget deficit, Moscow trebled the price of a metro ride on Friday, bringing it to 30 rouhles, or

just under three cents. Student Oksana Mykbaylenko, 20, was wearily resigned to the price rise.
"What am 1 supposed to think?" she asked. "A monthly

metro pass is going to cost 900 roubles (75 cents) and my monthly stipend is 7,000." In another development, Russia's central bank bowed to the government and to market pressure Friday, raising its key discount rate to a new high of

210 per cent from 180 per cent. Under Russia's complicated way of calculating interest rates, banks will actually pay an annual rate of almost 700 per cent for funds the central

"The rate is still negative, when you look at year-on-year inflation of about 1,000 per cent, but money is beginning to be worth something," said one

Western diplomat. "It is going to hurt," a second diplomat said. "Banks are going to have to think before they horrow money from the central bank."

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 17, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson. Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation. GENERAL TENDENCIES: The Moon is void of course most of the day so avoid making any down new paths as they are likely to be plagued with false starts, errors and unexpected bassles.

The daytime finds you with some new and conservative ideas for getting more revenue with the aid of friends while later you can add some modern method. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19)

This is a day for you to consider various means for gaining your personal aims for you can progress through these and a fellow associate will aid. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)

You can closet yourself with an influencial person and get the backing you need for a private project after which add your own up to date ideas. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Take some time out to arrange a jaunt with a friend of good judgment for whatever

your joint purpose then include some unique goal to trip. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Whatever you have in mind in a worldy matter is best done with the additional opinion or assist-

ance of an expert in the field of VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) A new project of import-ance to you requires the support of an outside partner if you are to

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get the greatest amount of be-nefit from this venture. LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) Seek out business per-sons with whom you would like to be associated and let them know how well you can work at your chosen vocation, then they will back your goals. SCORPIO: (October 23 to

November 21) You can best get an associate who needs much persuasion to do what you wish by meeting at a plane of mutually SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) The type of activities in which you now are,

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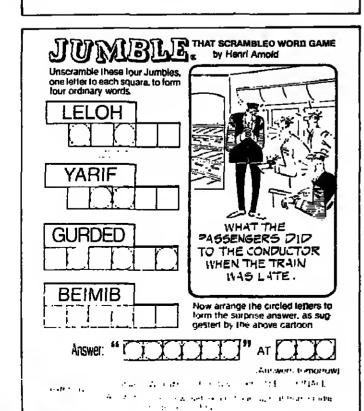
January 20) A day for you to enhance your interest in the entertainments and amusements from which you get the greatest pleasure even though its a distance to go to them.

AQUARIUS: (January 2t to February t9) It is necessary to first approach matters at home from a routine and accepted proven stance after which you can add some special ideas of

your own. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Your own judgment is very good now about how best to exercise your judgment where adding to your present abundance is concerned so don't waste

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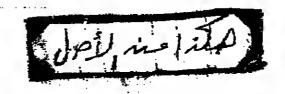
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Economy

Oman sees 10% spending rise in development plan

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The Gulf state of Oman expects spending in its 1991-1995 development plan to increase by nearly 10 per cent despite weak oil prices, an Omani official was quoted Friday as saying.

Current and development expenditure in the plan, Oman's fourth, had been projected at 9.45 billion Omani riyals (\$24.8 billion) but the figure is expected to reach 10.3 billion rivals (\$26.8 billion), said Mohammad Ibn Musa Al Yusuf, secretary general of the State Development Council.

"There are no plans for cutong investment and running

expenditure. On the contrary, there will be an increase of around 10 per cent," he told the United Arab Emirates daily Al Bayan.

Omani officials said early this year they would reduce projected spending for 1993 after oil prices plunged to their lowest level in three years because of excess supply by

OPEC and other producers.
Oil provides the bulk of Oman's revenues and a decline in prices over the past years created a persistent deficit in its budget, forcing it to borrow from the local market

through issuing bonds. Oman, which produces

of crude, now hopes current economic reforms and planned corporate taxes will enable it to tackle the deficit, which was projected at \$1.14 billion in 1993.

Oman is the only Guif country to draw up five-year development plans, which have been reported successful. In 1992, the plan far exceeded the growth target of 6.1 per cent to reach nine per cent, Mr. Yusuf

"Initial figures indicate that the gross domestic product (GDP) in the first half of 1993 exceeded the GDP in the same period of last year by 0.7 per cent. This is a good perform-ance in all standards," he said. Mr. Yusuf said the current development plan envisaged

issuing of bonds worth 450 als (\$1.17 hillion) which he d would help absorb the ge domestic liquidity.

U.S. trade worsens with Asia

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WASHINGTON (R) — Although the United States reported a surprise drop in its chronic deficit on Friday, Asia bucked the global trend by posting still higher surpluses.

The top sore spots: Japan

and China. "Without question, both nations represent very serious long-term problems for us," said a source in the Clinton administration.

"Any reading of the future shows that the trade agenda between the U.S. and the Pacific will only become broader, deeper and way more tense,' he said, requesting anonymity. The combined China-Japan

than three-quarters of the worldwide U.S. trade deficit. Indeed the Pacific rim was the only major trading bloc that saw its surplus with the United States widen in August, rising to \$9.71 billion from July's \$8.95 billion.

shortfall accounted for more

American's overall trade gap shrank 6.8 per cent in August to \$9.71 billion as sales in overseas markets rebounded after two weak months, the Commerce Department said

Exports grew by three per cent to \$38.21 billion while imports increased by only a fractional 0.8 per cent to \$47.92 billion.

While the China surplus is clearly rising, the Clinton administration source said the aggregate surplus of "the three Chinas" is static, as Hong Kong and Taiwan increasingly invest in and shift production to low-wage, high-growth Chi-

"Expect a lot more offshore production by Japan too. But all along, these two nations have been the hig drag and it's clear they continue to remain that way," said Michael Abo. senior international economist at Prudential Securities.

The deficit with Japan rose to \$5.26 billion from \$4.74 billion in July — more than half the overall deficit for August and the higgest single shortfall with Japan since

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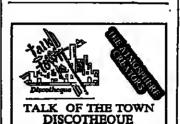
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As for China — which is creeping up as a bigger and bigger trade irritant for the United States — the deficit jumped to \$2.43 billion from

\$2.27 hillion the month before. In contrast, the Commerce Department reported a lower deficit with western Europe, North America, the European Free Trade Association, oil-



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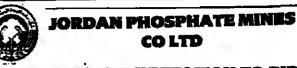
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Swiss Franc	4.31	4.31	4.12	3.87
French Franc	6.93	6.87	6.56	6.06
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French Franc .	0.1205	0.1211		
Japanese Yen	0.6442	0.6474		
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Italian Lira	0.0436	0.0438		
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Kuwaiti Digar	2_2550	2.3200			
Qatari Riyal	0.1873	0.1885			
Egyptian Pound	0.2050	0.2220			
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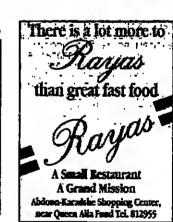
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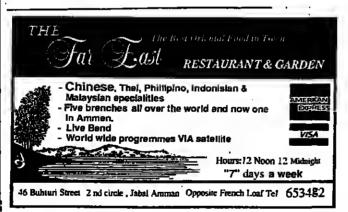
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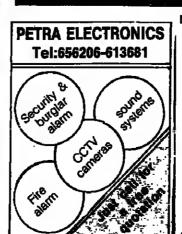
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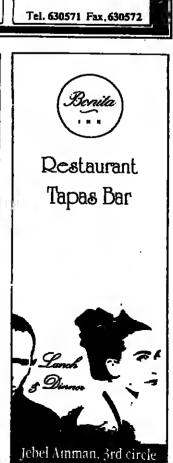


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First lady dishes

peas, repeat of

broccoli-gate?

NEW YORK (R) - One lesson the Clintons apparently didn't

learn from the Bush administration was that you should never

criticise a vegetable. Pea growers

and processors are defending the

vegetable after Hillary Rodham

Clinton, the adminstration's

health guru, said Thursday that

hardly anybody likes green

peas." "Peas are holding their -

own. We think there's a large

group of consumers who want

peas," shot back Terry Thomp-

son, a spokesman for Pillsbury's

Green Giant Vegetables in Min-neapolis. Mr. Thompson, stres-

sing they were taking the whole

flap in good humour, said that

peas account for "significant part

of our business in canned and

George Bush provoked a storm of criticism when he said he never liked broccoli. "I am president of.

the United States and I am not,

going to eat any more," he said. The first lady's comments came

SANTA ROSA, California (AP)

- A veteran who said he flashed.

back to a Vietnam battleground.

when explosions and gunfire.

for comment Friday was not im-

mediately returned. Explosions,

gunfire and the sound of a land-

ing C-119 cargo plane convinced Mr. Munis that he was back-

watching the North Vietnamese.

overrun his infantry company, his,

lawyer said. "Munis was truly

back in Vietnam. He grabbed his

wife, threw her on the floor and

was looking for VC to come

from movie

frozen." Former President

Yeltsin calls constitutional vote

Russia's Choice starts campaign

MOSCOW (R) — Russia kicked off its parliamentary election campaign Saturday when a major group backing President Yeltsin held its founding congress promising economic stability and order if it wins.

But the president himself failed to show up, saying that although he backed the aims of the group, called Russia's Choice, he had to be seen to represent all Russians.

Leading reformer Yegor Gaidar, who returned to Mr. Yeltsin's administration last month not long before it put down a bloody hardline revolt on Oct. 3-4, fold about 1,000 delegates Russia's Choice could promise a better life only after the Dec. 12 parliamentary vote.

This will be a party of order, of democratic and market order," he said in the congress hall, which was decorated with election posters showing reformist Tsar Peter the Great on horseback and with mockups of traditional Russian landmarks such as Moscow's oniondomed St Basil's Cathedral. The aim is to turn the bloc

into a party. "We cannot offer a lot hut we can promise a stable currency, stable power, stable legislation protecting private property and the distribution of state fonds to protect those in need," said Mr. Gaidar, a first deputy prime minister and the driving force behind the grouping and Mr. Yeltsin's

Serbs pound

SARAJEVO (R) — Serhs

pounded Sarajevo with a bar-

rage of artillery rounds Satur-

day, shutting down the city's airport in the heaviest shelling

of the Bosnian capital for

Sarajevo Radio said the Bos-

nian government army retook

the town of Cazin in the hreak-

away Muslim enclave of Bihac

after rebel Muslims captured it

without a fight Friday. The

Bosnian government radio re-port could not be confirmed

independently.
Led by the northwestern

Bihac pocket's self-declared President Fikret Abdic, the re-

bels declared autonomy last month when Sarajevo effec-tively rejected the latest Gene-

The artillery harrage on

Sarajevo started early Satur-

day morning and went on

together with sniper and

machinegun fire, a Reuter

journalist reported.
The U.N.-controlled

Sarajevo Airport was closed because of the attack, United

It was not clear when the

U.N. would reopen the air-

field, which is a vital link for

aid to the city's 380,000 inhabi-

tants who receive most of their

relief supplies by air. Colonel Bill Aikman, a

spokesman for the U.N. Pro-

tection Force, said Muslim-led

Nations officials said.

afternoon.

several weeks.

va peace plan.

market reform programme. Post-Communist Russia suffers from rampant inflation, a large budget deficit and has embarked on a transition to a

Western-style economy.
Power struggles, which culminated in this month's bloodshed, have meant political instability and also hampered reforms.

The chief of Mr. Yeltsin's administration, Sergei Filatov, said the president sent his greetings to the congress and added Russia's Choice should become the "start of the consolidation of all democratic forces in Russia.

"Despite his political sympathies, he will not take part in today's congress," Mr. Filatov said, saying Mr. Yeltsin felt he had to represent all Russia's 150 million people.

Two other smaller groupings were holding similar congresses Saturday.

Mr. Yeltsin Friday moved to strengthen his grip on power hy ordering a referendum on a post-Soviet constitution to be held on the same day as the vote for a new two-chamber

The existing constitution was at the heart of the conflict with parliament, which Mr. Yeltsin disbanded on Sept. 21. After a siege and standoff, forces loyal to Mr. Yeltsin stormed the White House parliament building on Oct. 4.

Scores died and dozens were captured. But some rebelsf

just before dawn. Serh forces'

responded with heavy artillery

into the old town district of the

capital. Col. Aikman said the Serbs

were using 151mm artillery. "That's pretty heavy stuff," he

One of the city's main hos-

pitals reported four people wounded by sniping and shell-

ing Saturday morning. More

Col. Aikman said the Serbs

used tanks to fire at the suburb

of Dobrinja near the airport

and had moved more tanks

into the area. "There are more

A house used by U.N. milit-

ary observers to monitor the

fighting had been targetted by

mortar fire, assumed to be

from the Serbs, Col. Aikman

said. Four rounds landed in the

dows but causing no casualties.

Describing the Serb response to the 10 or so Bosnian

mortar rounds fired early

Saturday morning, Col. Aikman said: "You spoke me in

the chest, I pound the living daylights out of you, that's sort

of the routine around here."

Col. Aikman said the Serbs

"There have been a whole

were moving troops around

series of troop movements

around the town, but one can-

tanks out there than normal,

casualties were expected.

told reporters.

be said.

Saraievo.

Sarajevo with artillery

escaped through secret tun-

The Security Ministry said it had captured one of the Kremlin's most wanted men, hardline nationalist deputy Ilya Konstantinov, who fled the White House.

It said security police arrested him without a struggle Friday. He was not armed but had shaved off his beard to change his appearance. He is being held in Moscow's Lefortovo Prison, where other hardline parliamentary leaders are incarcerated.

On Friday, the prosecutors began presenting charges against top Yeltsin foes, including Parliament Chairman Ruslan Khasbulatov and sacked Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi

The charges were for organising mass disturbances, an offence carrying a maximum 15-year jail term.

Mr. Yeltsin said Friday the referendum would take place on Dec. 12, the same day as parliamentary elections, to try to speed up work on replacing a much-amended constitution first introduced in Communist "Work on the constitution

has been going on for almost three years, which is more than long enough," Mr. Yeltsin said in a televised interview. He said a referendum was

the most democratic way to change the system. "The time of Soviet power is

Asked why the Bosnian

army should risk such a mas-

sive response for the sake of

firing a few mortar rounds,

Col. Aikman said: "I guess

they're just trying to show that

they can maintain their end,

There are so many things in

this country that I cannot ex-

In central Bosnia, the

Muslim-held part of Gronji

Vakuf came under heavy Croat

artillery and tank fire at dawn. Friday, Col. Aikman said.

Three Bosnian Croat tanks

moved into the town, firing as,

A private, mostly Muslim relief convoy inched its way toward Tuzla in central Bosnia

Saturday despite fears it could

meet the same fate as a column

attacked and decimated by

plan for monitoring - and

perhaps protecting - the pri-

vate convoy:
"I have problems every day,

but on the Richter Scale of

problems this one ranks quite

high," said Lieutenant-Colonel

Alastair Doncan, the British commander of central Bosnia.

Dubbed by U.N. peacekeep-

ers "Convoy of Joy II — The Nightmare Returns" after

June's catastrophic venture,

the relief column embarked

with 86 vehicles, including

trucks and huses. Unarmed

British peacekeeping troops

Croat forces last summer.

they went.

coming to an end," Mr. Yeltsin told the television interviewer. "Thank God for that."

In other moves to strengthen his position Friday, Mr. Yeltsin changed the electoral law to allow government ministers to run for seats in the lower chamber, the state Duma,

This improves his chances of being supported by the new legislature. The old parliament often challenged him.

Mr. Yeltsin also sacked First Deputy Prosecutor-General Yevgeny Lisov, moved two deputies to other posts and named four new deputies to the prosecutor-general, ITAR-TASS news agency said.

It gave no reasons but Mr. Yeltsin appeared to be moving supporters into the top ranks of the legal authorities. Other moves to consolidate

Mr. Yeltsin's power since the rebellion have included measures to bring rebellions regional authorities into line and a crackdown opposition media.

The Kremlin said a state of emergency in force in Moscow since Oct. 3 would be lifted as planned on Oct. 18, but a senior legal official said a strong police contingent would remain in the capital. Meanwhile, the families of

conservative deputies who took part in the parliamentary rebellion against President Yeltsin were ordered Friday to leave their government-owned flats. Interfax reported.

N. Korea says it would act against

sanctions TOKYO (R) — North Korea said Saturday it would act in self-defence if the international community tried to impose sanctions against Pyongyang over its refusal to allow inspections of its nuclear facilities.

A U.S. State Department spokesman said Friday the United States could push for U.N. sanctions against North Korea within weeks if Pyongyang does not let international inspectors visit two suspected nuclear sites.

line that has been set, but it's clear that if the continuity of safeguards themselves are broken ...we have to refer the matter back to the United Nations Security Council for further discussion and for direct action," spokesman Michael McCurry said.

Japan has also openly expressed its concern over Pyongyang's nuclear programme which communist North Korea insists is for peaceful purposes only.

North Korea, whose eco-nomy has been hit hadly by the collapse of the Soviet Bloc, responded quickly to the threat of sanctions. "If Japan and other hostile

forces venture something like international sanctions, we will have no other alternative but to take an appropriate self-defensive measure," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said, quoted by the official Korean Central News Agency monitored in Tokyo. He gave no details.

It it not clear whether China, the closest ally of North Korea, would support a proposal for U.N. sanctions or what form those measures would take.

Earlier Saturday, the Com-munist Party newspaper Rodong Sinmun said the only way to resolve the crisis was direct talks with Washington. "The nuclear issue on the

Korean peninsula can be settled only between the DPRK (North Korea) and the United States because it is the United States that caused this problem and is standing in the way of its solution," the official daily

It said the nuclear problem began when the United States brought nuclear weapons into South Korea. North Korea has baulked at

inspection of the suspected sites by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

"No third party can take the place of the United States. Herein lies another reason why the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula can he solved only through DPRK (North Korea)-USA talks," the daily

Mr. McCurry said Washington could push for U.N. sanctions against Pyongyang within weeks if it does not let IAEA inspectors visit the two suspected nuclear plants.

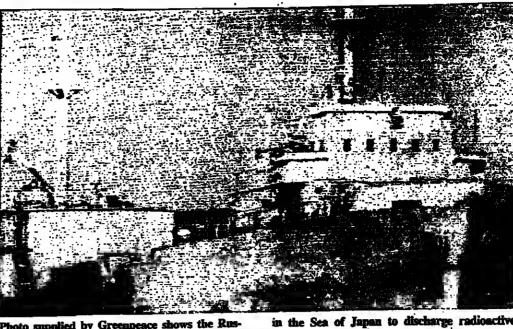


Photo supplied by Greenpeace shows the Russian Navy tanker TNT-27 bound for a dump site

in the Sea of Japan to discharge radioactive waste (AFP photo)

Russians caught trying to dump nuclear waste in Sea of Japan

TOKYO (AFP) - A Greenpeace vessel off the coast of the Russian Far East intercepted Saturday a Russian Navy convoy preparing to dump a ship-load of radioactive waste into the Sea of Japan, the international environmental group

"The dumping convoy is ex-pected to reach its dumpsite in the Sea of Japan, around 240 nautical miles west of Hokkaido, later tonight," Greenpeace's Tokyo office said.

Greenpeace said the Russian convoy — a tanker laden with radioactive waste being towed hy a tug and escorted by a scientific monitoring vessel -left the Pavlovsk submarine base 50 kilometres east of Vladivostok at 9:30 (0030 GMT). Japan Broadcasting Corp.

(NHK) showed footage of three vessels heading out to sea in its main evening news hulletin, accompanied by separate footage shot from the Greenpeace ship showing close-ups of a convoy on the high seas. NHK said the tanker was capable of carrying 900 tonnes of liquid waste.

Greenpeace said its investigations showed the waste was primarily reactor coolant and cleaning waters from the Russian Pacific Fleet's dilapidated nnclear-powered submarines."

But it added that its patrol vessel reported seeing "several containers" on the deck of the tanker "which could be solid radioactive waste." The liquid waste is expected

to be "dumped directly into the sea with no containment,"

the group said. "The accompanying monitoring vessel is believed to be measuring for gamma radiation at the dump-

during a New York taping session for the "Sesame Street" television programme. Veteran wins \$75,000 for stress

"Russia is clearly hoping that no one will notice, Greenpeace activist John Sprange said from aboard the group's Dutch-registered vessel, which left Hokkaido last week with a 24-member international crew. Japan is to protest Russian

plans to resume dumping of radioactive waste into the Sea of Japan, Kyodo News Service quoted a Foreign Ministry official as saying Saturday.

"Japan will express concern about this dumping," a minis-try official told the Japanese News Agency.

Blaze destroys part of Kashmir shrine

SRINAGAR, India (AFP) --A fire destroyed a wooden prayer hall at an Islamic shrine housing a holy relic here Saturday as several thousand Indian troops laid siege to the complex to flush out Kashmiri' Muslim militants holed up in-

militants who tried to flee the shrine where a lock of the Prophet Mohammad's hair is on display. But several dozen other armed rebels remained barricaded inside, officials .

began late Friday after Muslim from inside the shrine, killing a student who was passing hy.

An official spokesman of the Kashmir administration stressed that the blaze did not damage the white-stone Hazrathal Shrine itself but engulfed an older section of the complex where Muslim women are per-

ceded the inferno in the prayer hall near the shrine overlooking Nagin Lake, witnesses said. Ram Mohan Rao, the Kashmir administration's main

spokesman, accused Muslim secessionists of torching the hall which also served as a hostel for pilgrims. "The holy relic of Prophet

Mohammad is safe, but the ted," said a fire department spokesman after firefighters

managed to extinguish the Officials said an unspecified

number of pilgrims were beheved to be inside the hillton shrine, officials said, Troops sealed off access to the complex and used loudhailers to make repeated appeals on the militants to surrender.

"Militants tried to camouflage themselves as pilgrims and escape. So we have to screen them all," said Kashmir's newly appointed Police Chief. M.N. Sabarwal after police rounded up the 25 suspected

Kashmiri officials said "Operation Flushout" had been ordered amid fears that the the holy relic in a bid to spark Muslim protests in Kashmir.

creased to 100 per cent. Roberts, Hannah worst dressed -

People magazine

NEW YORK (R) - Actresses Daryl Hannah and Julia Roberts may have found love this year but it has done nothing to improve their wardrobes, according to People magazine. The gossip weekly put both stars on its list of the 10 worst dressed people of the year. On the more positive side, people also released the 10 best dressed list, a group that includes talk-show host Joan Rivers, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Actress Sharon Stone, better known on screen for what she leaves out of her wardrobe. Hannah, who is dating John F. Kennedy Jr. was called a sartorial eyesore hy the magazine. Roberts, who recently wed singer Lyle Lovett, was described as a worst-dressed "veteran," a labelthat has done little to hurt her popularity over the years. It said her wedding dress, bonght by Lovett, was "the most stylish thing she wore all year." Whoopi Goldberg, who has been enough controversy following her Xrated Roast by the Friars Cluh in New York earlier this month, was criticised for a wardrobe that runs from workout gear and sneakers to her green and grape-juice-coloured Oscar's gown." Men. were also not spared, with Burt Reynolds, singers Garth Brooks and Anthony Keidis, and actor Robert Downey Jr. running afoul of People's fashion monitors.

Joseph Kennedy to wed on Oct. 23

BOSTON (AP) - U.S. Rep.: Joseph Kennedy said Friday he and fiancee Beth Kelly will wed on Oct. 23 in a small civil ceremony at his home. The 41-yearold Boston Democrat is the oldest son of the late U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy. Ms. Kelly is anaide in his Washington office. The marriage will be the first for. Ms. Kelly and the second for ... Mr.Kennedy, who is divorced from Sheila Rauch. Mr. Kennedy, a Roman Catholic, is seeking a church annulment of his first-marriage, but his ex-wife is opposing the request. The Catholic Church prohibits remarriage after divorce unless one obtains an annulment declaring a previous marriage was not valid in the eyes of the church. Cardinal Bernard Law, the Archbishop of Boston, said Mr. Kennedy's request would be handled like any other filed with the archdiocesan marriage tribunal.

not predict whether it's an attack or whether it's just a Bosnian units had fired about Muslim civilians drove about movement of troops. 80 per cent of them. 10 mortar rounds at the Serbs

JOHANNESBURG (R) -The ruler of the Transkei hlack homeland said Saturday the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to South African President F. W. De Klerk was a dis-

Major-General Bantu Holomisa said Mr. De Klerk did not deserve it because of a South African army raid on an alleged guerrilla hase in Transkei last week in which five youths were killed. Mr. De Klerk, who was

jointly awarded the peace prize with African National Con-gress (ANC) leader Nelson Mandela Friday for their efforts to end the white domination of South Africa, has acknowledged he sanctioned the raid. "It is a disgrace that a man

who sanctioned a cross-border raid which led to the killing of youngsters could be awarded such a prestigious peace prize," Gen. Holomisa told Reuters by telephone from his capital Umtata.

The military ruler appealed to all organisatinns as well as groups taking part in South African democracy talks to join him in pressing for the award to be withdrawn.

Mr. De Klerk's government said it attacked a house in the nominally independent humeland because it was used by the Azanian People's Liberation Army (APLA).

The APLA, armed wing of the black Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), denies this and says all the victims were chil-

Gen. Holomisa Saturday gave South African amhassador to the tribal homeland Horace Van Renshurg until noon Monday to quil his post. Speaking at the funeral here for the five youths slain by South African commandos, Gen. Holomisa said he had proof that the Oct. g raid had been coordinated from the South African emhassy in Umiata.

More than 10,000 people crowded into a stadium in the Transkei capital Saturday to mnurn the five youths.

The rest of the city was

peaceful and nearly deserted. Shopkeepers closed for the day in fear of unrest after a memorial service for the five victims Wednesday erupted into Winnie Mandela, a militant

member of the African National Congress, told the mourners Saturday that ANC and Pan Africanist Congress guerrillas should join forces in response to the deaths of the five youths, three of whom were sons of a PAC activist. "If we do not unite after this

massacre here in this town, we shall never unite again," she said as the funeral service The ANC's armed wing has

laid down its weapons, and Nelson Mandela and other negotiators have opened talks with the government on ending apartheid. Militants like Winnie Mandela, estranged wife of the ANC leader, have accused the ANC leadership of selling out poor blacks in a rush to get into power.

The PAC also is negotiating with the government, but has not called off its armed

Criticism mounted Saturday over the awarding of the Nobel

Homeland chief: De Klerk is award disgrace Peace Prize to Mr. De Klerk. with hlack hardliners saying he did not deserve to share the honour with Mr. Mandela.

A backlash had been expected hy Nobel Committee Chairman Francis Sejersted who, in announcing the award Friday, said some people might not regard Mr. De Klerk and Mr. Mandela men of peace and admitted the committee was "taking a risk."

While world leaders and moderate South African leaders have hailed the decision, the announcement was received with hostility in extremist circles in South Africa. The Pan Africanist Congress

(PAC), which broke away from Mr. Mandela's African National Congress in 1989 over whether whites should be allowed to join the fight against apartheid, said the Nobel Committee had rewarded "an oppressor" by giving the prize to Mr. De Klerk.

Benny Alexander, general secretary of the PAC, said it was "The first time in history that an oppressor has been called a man of peace."

Mr. De Klerk has admitted he authorised the Transkei raid, but said it was only after he had received concrete evidence that the house was used as a guerrilla base by the PAC's military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army (APLA).

"I did not order that children be killed," he said in a radio interview Friday, adding that he would have been irresponsible not to have taken pre-emptive steps to prevent guernilla attacks on South Afri-

mitted to pray. Deafening explosions at 12:40 p.m. (0710 GMT) pre-Police arrested 25 suspected

The siege by up to 10,000 army soldiers and paramilitary border security force troops

500 Tamils detained in Sri Lanka

NEWS IN BRIEF

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Sri Lankan troops rounded np about 500 Tamil youths in a single day of search operations around Colombo as part of tight security measures to capture Tamil rebels in the capital, military sources said Saturday. Heavily armed government forces Friday searched houses in various parts of Colombo for members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the sources said. The Island newspaper reported Saturday that Sir Lanka's Tamil Tiger guerrillas deployed nine back-up suicide bombers along a parade route in case the rebel who blew up President Ranasinghe Premadasa in May botched his mission. The independent paper's lead story said nine Tamil rebels wearing "body-bombs" had been in the May Day procession in Colombo, a safe distance from where Mr. Premadasa was hlown up hy a rebel who also had explosives strapped to his body. "If (the assassin) did not get his quarry, they would have moved in and hiasted themselves along with the president. the paper quoted a detained Tamil rebel activist as telling police investigators.

U.K. may drop plans for missile

LONDON (R) - The British Air Force could be forced to drop plans for a new tactical nuclear air-to-surface missile to replace its ageing free-fall bombs under defence spending cuts. political sources said Saturday. Defence Secretary Malcolm Rifkind is expected to tell parliament next week that the government is to shelve the plans, the sources said. The Defence Ministry refused to comment on whether or not Mr. Rifkind would make such an announcement.

U.N. flight reaches Angolan city

JOHANNESBURG (R) - U.N. aid workers Friday flew their first mercy mission to the central Angolan city of Chito in nine months and described a "Dante's Inferno" where 15,000 to 35,000 people had died during a UNITA rebel siege. A spokeswoman for the U.N. World Food Programme (WFP) in Harare said her colleagues in Angola described a city devastated by war where 30 to 40 people were dying daily from starvation. "They said it was worse than anyone had thought, just like Dante's Inferno." Mercedes Sayaguez told Reuters by telephone. "At least 15,000 are dead, maybe 20,000, and it could go as high as 35,000." Ms. Sayaguez said U.N. officials in Luanda were meeting urgently to believe what kind of food and medications to fly in. She said the U.N. assessment team which returned to Luanda Friday after a one-day mission to assess humanitarian need in Cuito said the one hospital was packed with 1,200 wounded from mines and fighting and had no pills or medicine.

Spain's Fraga makes last stand

MADRID (R) - Spain's most durable and controversial right-wing politician. Manule Fraga Iribarne, fights his last big political battle Sunday when he hids for re-election as president of the autonomous region of Galicia. A minister under dictator Francisco Franco and in the government immediately after Gen. Franco's death, Mr. Fraga heads the conservative Popular Party (PP) drive to retain change of the poor region of northwest Spain for a further four years. Mr. Fraga, 71, is adamant this will be the last time he stands for senior political office.

Russia, to press for CFE treaty relief

VIENNA (AFP) — Russia is earnestly pressing the West to suspend part of the CFE treaty to enable it to deploy greater forces in war-wracked Caucasus, diplomats said here Fri-Russia has taken the unusual step of sending two top gener-

als, its deputy chief of general staff and the head of the Defence Ministry's treaty section, to Vienna to drum up support for the suspension among the signatory states, the diplomats The treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Enrope

(CFE) effectively ended the cold war when signed in Paris in November 1990 as it stated that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and Warsaw Pact states were no longer enemies and committed them to reduced quantities of non-nuclear weapons.

But Moscow now wishes to suspend the CFE's Article 5, which imposes a ceiling on the conventional weapons Russia may deploy in the Caucasus.

The generals argue that with civil wars in Georgia and Azer-baijan, and the rise of Islamic fundamentalism in the region, Russia needs more tanks, armoured cars and artillery than Article 5 allows, the diplomats reported.

Western states, however, are opposed to any tampering with CFE.

To suspend part of the treaty would open paridora's box. provoking requests for modifications from other signatory states, Western diplomats said.

Some Western diplomats in Vienna said that the suspension of request has been motivated not by President Boris Yeltsin but by the Russian military.

erupted on the set of a Sylvester -Stallone movie received \$75,000. in an out-of-court settlement, his: lawyer said. Universal Pictures failed in its promise to warn Ed. Munis before setting off explosions near his Santa Rosa home during the 1991 filming of Stop Or My Mom Will Shoot his lawyer, James Barrett, said. A. call to Universal Pictures' lawyer

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through the window," Mr. Barrett said. "He had a true psychotic break." Mr. Munis, 46, received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his army service. Veterans Affairs had designated him 50 per cent disabled from post-traumatic stress disorder, but after Mr. Munis' movierelated flashbacks that was in-

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of Stress

BUENOS AIRES (R) -Diego Maradona will return as Argentina's captain for the two-leg World Cup play-off against Australia, team coach Alfio Basile said after announc-

ing his 17-man squad.
The matches, in Sydney on Oct. 31 and in Buenos Aires on Nov. 17, will determine which of the two sides qualify for next vear's finals in the United States.

The Argentina-hased players will fly to Sydney Monday, while the remaining seven, who play in Europe and Japan, will report on Oct. 25. Basile said he may call upon more players in the next few days.

The return of Maradona to spearhead Argentina's hid for what would be their sixth successive appearance in the finals, comes after he fell out with Basile following his exclusion from the recent qualifying

The coach had been under pressure to recall Maradona since September's humiliating 5-0 home defeat by Colombia. a result that almost ended the



Diego Maradona

1986 world champions prospects of reaching the U.S. finals.

Maradona has lost 12 kilos over the past month in a bid to recover the form of his glory

And after marking his return to the Argentine League with two impressive displays for new clnb Newell's Old Boys. Maradona won rave reviews from Basile, who said the doors to the national team were open for him.

Basile has made five changes to the squad that played in the qualifiers, calling up defenders Victor Hugo Sotomayor. Carlos Javier Mac Allister and Jose Chamot, midfielder Hugo Leonardo Perez and striker Abel Balho.

Balbo was discarded from Basile's plans after Argentina's defeat by Cameroon in the opening match of the 1990 World Cup finals. His return to favour is a reflection of the player's rich scoring vein for Italy's Roma.

The players making way for the newcomers are Nestor Craviotto, Fabian Basualdo, Julio Saldana. Roherto Ayala, Netor Gorosito, and Alberto Acosta.

Defender Oscar Ruggeri, who was captain for the qualifiers. and midfielder Diego Simeone, were ruled out by

Lendl moves into Tokyo final

champion Ivan Lendl overcame a first set deficit and nailbiting tie-break Saturday to reach the final of the Seiko Super Men's Indoor Tennis Tournament.

Lendl outlasted unseeded Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands · 3-6, 6-4. 7-6 (7-5).

The 33-year old Czech-born American, a surprise victor over second seed Boris Becker in the quarterfinals, will face 10th seed Todd Martin of the United States in Sunday's

Martin, who beat Lendl in three, close sets in the first round of the Australian Indoor Tournament in Sydney last week, earlier downed Greg

Rusedski of Canada 7-6 (7-5) and didn't give any silly points
6-3. away," Lendl said.

Lendl, who has been suffer. The fast-improving 10th ing his worst season in 10 years. seed Todd Martin maintained after stumbling at the first hutdle in nine tournaments so fare this year, got off to a sluggish

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game and failed to crack the powerful serve of Haarhuis, conqueror of fourth seed Andrei Medvedev in the quar-

But using his flashing return, coupled with some lucky line-calls, Leodl managed to hreak

to secure the second set. In the final set, Lendl, squandered five break points 4-4, and went down 1-4 in the tie-break on Haarbuis's

But Haarhuis, ranked 62 in the world, was irked hy some suspect line-calls and appeared to lose confidence on the hig points, eventually allowing the former world number 1 into

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closed hand. Now declarer knew all that was necessary to adopt a line of play. Do you?

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king of spades, the only chance to land the game was to apply the Rab-

bi's Rule: "If the king is singleton,

play the ace." Declarer continued with a spade to the acc, and great was the fall thereon. Four spades bid

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semifinal.

After winning the first set in a close tie-breaker, Martin took advantage of a lapse in concentration from his 20-year old opponent, to break serve in the third game. The 130th ranked Rusedski,

enjoying the best tennis of his career this week after pulling off upsets against Michael Chang, Wayne Ferreira and Richard Krajicek, was unable to convert five hreak points to puil eveo.

The match was a hattle of the booming serves with few long hall exchanges. Rusedski, who has one of the fastest serves in the game, ponnded 15 aces to Martin's five.

"My strategy was not to get killed by Greg's serve and to make the most of chances from his secood serve." Martin said. ance, will be looking to capture his second title of the year Sunday.

Duisburg end **Eintracht** Frankfurt's unbeaten run

BONN (R) — Leaders Eintracht Frankfurt's unheaten run in the German first division ended Friday when they suffered a surprise 1-0 defeat at newly-promoted Duishurg. A superb headed goal from

striker Michael Preetz, who was hrought into the Duisburg team only because of an injury to Uwe Weidemann, ended Eintracht's dream run of 11

games without defeat. Frankfurt's three-point lead at the top of the Bundesliga is sure to come under pressure which their rivals are in action

Saturday Second-placed Werder Bremen have a good chance to narrow the gap when they visit struggling Freihurg. Fourth placed Hamhurg, a further two points behind, travel to Borussia Dortmund.

Last week Eintracht equalled Bayern Munich's record Bundesliga start for the first 11 games when they reached 20 poiots after a 2-1 victory over VFB Leipzig.

But Friday they seemed to

miss the sharpness of their injured striker Anthony Yeboah in attack against a spirited Duisburg side who ran

for everything.

Duishurg's victory lifted them three places to third, four points behind the leaders. They deserved the two points after Preetz rose brilliantly to head the 42nd minute winner following a cross from midfielder Alois Schwartz.

United

help lift English gloom

LONDON (AFP) -- Manchester United's internationals bounced back from mid-week World Cup disappointments to beat Tottenham 2-1 and stretch their English premiership lead to seven points Saturday.

The champions showed signs of a hangover from Wednesday's drama in a tepid first half but the game sparked into life when Roy Keane, a member of the Ireland team humiliated by Spain, rifled a right foot drive past Erie Thorstvedt in the

Five minutes later United delighted the Old Trafford crowd when Erie Cantona part of the French team stunned by Israel in Paris - put England's Lee Sharpe in for a

second goal.

United looked completely in control but some slack defending allowed spurs to pull one goal back in the 73rd minute. Fullhack Justin Edinhurgh moved into the area and pulled the ball hack for Darren Caskey to score. Alex Ferguson's side nearest

rivals Arsenal were held to a 0-0 draw at home to Manches-Norwich, who had won their

last two visits to Stamford Bridge, wasted no time making it three against Chelsea, with Ruel Fox rattling home from close range to give them a 22nd

The Canaries, who face Bayern Munich in the UEFA Cup Tuesday, failed to convert four more chances to the first half, thanks to some excellent work hy Chelsea's Russian goalkeeper Dimitri Kharin. Bnt Chris Sutton finally beat

Kharin in the 69th minute to give the visitors a two goal

Gavin Peacock pulled one back for Chelsea eight minu-tues from time but Norwich held out to leapfrog Arsenal into second place on goal difference. Vinnie Jones was Wimble

don's hero with a last minute equaliser against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborongh. Former Eogland winger-Chris Waddle, thrust into a striker's role by manager Trevor Francis, responded with his first goal of the seasoo to give Wednesday a ninth minute

Gary Blissett equalised just after the break but Wednesday youngster Ryan Jones seemed to have killed off the Dons six minutues from time with a shot on the turn before his namesake popped up right at the death.

Newcastle's Malcolm Allen missed a last minute penalty as Kevin Keegan's side lost their ten match unbeaten record at

home to QPR.
Les Ferdinand, badly missed
hy England in midweek, returned to action to give QPR a tenth minute lead. The striker was injured

Wednesday when defeat by Holland all hnt eliminated England from the World Cup. Ferdinand enjoyed the luck England were desperately lacking in Rotterdam wheo his 16-yard shot hit both posts

before crossing the line.

Bradley Allen got OPR's other goal with Malcolm Allen scoring for Newcastle. There was also late drama at

Anfield where Liverpool rescued victory from what looked like a certain defeat after Oldham's Jason Beckford had given the visitors the lead 18 minutes from time.

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Manchester S. Korea go to the front of **Asian World Cup hopefuls**

DOHA (AFP) -- South Korea scored a classy 3-0 win over Iran to take a goal difference lead at the start of the Asian World Cup qualifying contest here Saturday.

Soccer experts Noh Jung-Yoon and Kim Joo-Sung were the architects of the victory that puts South Korea just ahead of rivals North Korea in the table with all six nations having all played one game.

Noh, who plays in Japan's J-League, and Kim, who is leading VFL Bochum's drive for promotion to the German first division, were a constant problem for the Iranian de-

They played a role in nearly all the goals by Park Jung-Bae, Ha Seok-Ju and substitute Ko Jeong-Woon.

South Korea were cheered on by 1,000 frenzied fans beating gongs and drums. On the other side of the Al Khalifa Stadium were more than 1,000 expatriate Iranians in Qatar who released six white doves

just before the game started. But South Korea gave oo peace to the Iranian defence. Noh Jung-Yoon, midfielder with Sanfrancce Hiroshima in the J-League, made several runs that caught Iranian defenders flatfooted.

Noh was brought down in the ninth minute on the edge of the penalty area for his side's first chance. Kim Joo-Sung fired the free kick just wide of

South Korea's attractive foothall paid off in the 18th minute. Noh put across a cor-

ner that bobbled to Park Jung-Bae. The defender fired the ball home from short range between Iranian goalkeeper Bezhad Gholampour and a teammate holding the goal

South Korea eased the pace in the second half but packed their defence to stop any real threat of an equaliser.

Ali Daai hit a speculative long shot that was the first real threat to South Korean goalkeeper Choi In-Young. But Choi produced a bril-

liant leap to tip a Mehdi Fononi Zadegan shot just over the South Korea were revived by two substitutions. As the

Iranians tired Ha Seok Ju fired

in a cross from Seo Jung Won which the goalkeeper failed to intercept. Two minutes later Gholampour was again at fault as he left his line and defender Javad

Zarinecheh also backed off to leave Ko Jeong Woon with a clean shot into goal after running 30 yards with the ball.

The two Korean sides have now made the best start to the

two week contest. They are the only teams to have won their opening games. North Korea also scored three, but as they conceded two goals to Iraq Friday they are second in the standings on goal difference. Japan and Saudi Arabia,

who draw 0-0 are third and fourth. Iran and Iraq bring up the rear. The top two teams in the

duct warning to Iraq Saturday just before launching the Fair Play Award at the Asian World Cup final qualifying tournament here. After their side were beaten

3-2 by North Korea in the opening match Friday. No Irateam official would attend the post-match press confer-

International federation regulations make it compulsory for a representative to attend news conferences. But the Iragis were said to be very angry about the defeat and having one player sent off just before they gave up their two goal

"We have sent them a letter telling them they must send someone to atl subsequent match press conferences. If they fail they will be fined," said a FIFA official.

The warning and the sending off will count heavily against Iraq in the Fair Play Award **But FIFA Secretary General** Sepp Blatter was adamant Saturday that if Iraq qualify for the World Cup fiants next year then the American hosts could not refuse them.

He said the U.S. Soccer Federation gave them a written pledge from the U.S. Congress in 1987 that all 24 finalists and FIFA members and officials would get visas.

"We have no doubts. In fact we have no right to doubt an official decision by the Congress of America or any other group will qualify for America country," Blatter told AFP. Japan let down the kimonoclad groupies who followed them on the World Cup trail to Qatar with a drab 0-0 draw against Saudi Arabia Friday.

More than 1,500 young converts of the new J-League, who treat the national players like pop stars, saw their heroes held on the opening day of the final Asian qualifying tourna-

Saudi Arabia brought 6,000 people across the border for the game. But thelr team were

just as uninspired. The crowd saw more action in the opening match of the double bill when North Korea fought back from two down to

beat Iraq 3-2. "I expected better," said Riie Yoshunori, a 20-year-old Tokyo secretary who paid \$5,000 for a two-week trip to Doha where alcohol is banned and women normally keep their faces covered in line with

Muslim tradition. Yoshunori and the other Japanese girls who paint their faces with the national flag and beat drums throughout the games expect more from their team in other games.

"I want more goals, more action," added Yoshuoori. The match highlighted Japan's lack of scoring power that could handleap their chances of being one of Asia's two sides in next year's World

Cup finals in America. They needed an extra-time goal to beat African champions Ivory Coast in the Afro-Asian Cup final in Tokyo this month. There is a desperate need for a big striker to lead the attack.

French match-rigging scandal takes new twist alone and let justice run its course once and for all."

PARIS (AFP) - France's match-rigging scandal took a new twist Saturday, when an ex-Marseille player reportedly said that the French Football Federation urged him to bring down clnh Presideot Bernard

The affair has centred on Marseille's former General Manager Jean-Pierre Bernes and defender Jean-Jacques Eydelie, who are accused of offeriog hribes to three Valenciennes players last season.

But French daily Liberation

claims that compromising tapes of telephone conversations last mooth between Eydelie, then in Argentina, and Federatioo chief Jean Fournet Fayard, have been

The claims about the tapes, which were apparently handed over by Eydelie to Judge Ber-nard Beffy during an auditioo in Valencienns on Oct. 1, were quickly denied by Fournet Fayard Saturday.
"What a caricature," he said. "There is absolutely no

question of that happening. Liberation claimed that the tapes reveal the federation chief telling Eydelie that if he changed his testimooy to impli-cate Tapie, he would stand every chance of being allowed to play foothall in France

Bot Fournet-Fayard hit back at the report, telling RTL Radio: "I cannot promise things.... that I can't cootrol.
"What's more, it's obvious
that if Eydelie comes back, he

has a chance of playing football in France again. If he doesn't simple as that.

"It's my opinioo that people are once again trying to confuse the sitution. Leave us

secutor in the affair, Eric De Montgolfier, refused to comment on Liberation's report. However, Tapie's lawyer Francis Szpiner seized on the story, saying it proved that the FFF had been out to get his

The often talkative state pro-

"The mask has failen away. For the past five years, the leaders of the FFF have been trying to get rid of Bernard Today we have the

Eyedelie was charged with corruption in June, a month after the Valenciennes v Marseille match. After telling police that he had acted as an

Last month, he claimed that Taple had offered him a threeyear contract in return for changing his story, promoting a separate judicial enquiry, The various allegations have resulted in Marseille being hanned from defending their European Champions Cup and playing in the French. European Super and Intercontinental Cups.

The missed opportunities have also seriously damaged the club's finances, which Tapie admitted have plunged into the red. He told AFP Saturday that

the club had dehts of 285 millioo francs (\$52 million) but was owed 165 million francs (\$30 millioo) by the June. Plus a further 82 million francs (\$14.5 million) for the sale of Croatian playmaker Alen Bok-

agreed earlier in the week, should be completed when the Italian transfer period opens in three weeks' time, he said.

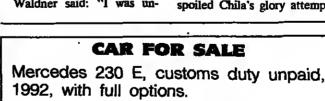
Waldner avenges pal's defeat in table tennis

PARIS (AFP) — Olympic Champion Jan-Ove Waldner ousted. France's Patrick China in the opening match of the Paris Grand Prix table tennis tournament here Saturday, and gained revenge for an old

China, 23, caused one of the higgest shocks of all time at the World Championships in May when he beat defending champion, Sweden's Jorgen Person, in the first round son, in the first round. But Waldener had to save a

match point in the second set before going on to win 17-21, 23-21, 21-13 and settling a score for his compatriot.

Waldner had said shortly before his victory his below par performances this year had made him more determined to claim the \$20,000 top prize



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lucky to pull out of the World Cup with a neck injury, and I lost in the semifinals of the World Championships.

"A win here would give me a great deal of pride as I am, after all, the world number

A jittery start for Waldner. 28, saw him lose the opening set. With the crowd against him. Waldner appeared to lose his cool as a service in the net followed by a backhand error saw him trail 16-19.

The powerful forehand from the left-handed Frenchman sealed the 'set 21-17 as Waldner failed to regain his composure.

The Swede seed to have the

second game wrapped up as he led 20-18. But Chila fought hack to claim three points in a row to gain match point at 21-20. A netted forehand spoiled Chila's glory attempt.

Marmurk is just 86th in the

Waldner regained his nerve to finish the game with a flour-ish as he landed two mighty World to Ma's fourth on the ranking list. Ma, an Olympic semifinalist has also twice won the World Cup singles. forehands to level at 1-1, be-Marmurek's serves, a strong fore racing through the decider forehand and a supportive

Wenge of China, suffered a shock defeat in his first match against France's Olivier Marmurek 21-19, 21-17.

crowd were too much for his Asian opponent.
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Security Council orders naval blockade of Haiti

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UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council voted Saturday to allow naval enforcement of the oil and arms embargo reimposed against Haiti this week.

In a resolution initiated by the United States, the council unanimously approved the interception and search of any vessels beaded to or coming from the Caribbean nation.

The United States deployed six warships off Haiti after the sanctions were approved to force the country's military leaders to comply with an agreement to restore democra-

The embargo is due to begin Monday at 11:59 p.m. (0359 GMT Tuesday) unless Haitin military authorities allow the reinstatement of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide by Oct. 30 and the deployment of a U.N. mission to help rebuild Haiti's military infrastructure.

The oil and arms embargo was reimposed Wedensday in order to pressure Haiti's military leaders to comply with the July agreement between Mr. Aristide and the military that toppled him.

The U.N. sanctions were first imposed in June but were suspended two months later when it appeared that progress was being made towards the restoration of democratic rule. But the violent protests earlier this week in Port-au-Prince

which prevented U.S. and Canadian troops from landing and the assassination of Haiti's justice minister have dimmed hopes for Mr. Aristide's return by the end of the month. U.S. Ambassador to the Un-

ited Nations Madeleine Albright told the council that Washington would use its diplomatic and military power to enforce the sanctions. France and Argentina may

also participate in the naval enforcement of the embargo. There should be no doubt about the determination of the

United States and the community of nations," Ms. Albright said in a speech. "My government will use its diplomatic and military power to see that economic sanctions work, and to ensure that these sanctions serve to shield the flickering flame of Haitian

"We call upon Haiti's military leaders to take immediate steps this weekend to reaffirm their commitment to the Governors Island agreement. There is still time for them to heed the will of their own people and the will of the international community.

On Wednesday the council reimposed sanctions banning arms, military and police supplies and petroleum, except for fuel for household use and humanitarian purposes. Food and other trade is not prohibited. Foreign assets of the anti-democratic forces also are to be frozen.

The council also warned the de facto Haitian authorities that it would consider further measures to compel them to abide by the political settlement reached in July on New York's Governors Island and other U.N. resolutions.

On Friday, President Bill Clinton announced that six warships would be deployed outside Haitian waters to enforce the U.N. sanctions. The action amounts to blockade, although that term has not been used because it can connote an act of war.

Meanwhile, the last U.S. soldiers in Haiti left the country on Saturday. The group of 46 Americans and 17 Canadian non-combat soldiers had arrived in Haiti a week ago as an advance team under the U.N.brokered peace accord.

The council resolution, initiated by the United States and co-sponsored by Canada, France and Venezuela, also holds out the threat of unspeci-

It calls on all U.N. members to take steps to ensure strict compliance with the sanctions, which include a ban on arms and oil imports,' and in particular to halt inward maritime shipping as necessary to check their cargoes and des-

The resolution echoes language used previously by the council to interdict shipping suspected of violating U.N. sanctions against Iraq and the rump Yugoslavia.

The council acted as worsening violence in Haiti forced the evacuation of some 300 human rights monitors and other staff from the United Nations and the Organisation of American States (OAS).

The justice minister in a recently-installed pro-Aristide government, Guy Malary, was assassinated on Thursday, Ear-lier, a two-day rampage by army-backed gunmen prevented the disembarkation of some 250 U.S. and Canadian troops, sent to Haiti as part of a U.N. mission to help with the transition to democratic rule.

Haiti's pro-Aristide U.N. envoy. Fritz Longchamp, told the council that a "handful of evil-doers cannot go unscathed and keep hostage an entire population.

Haiti's army chief, General Raoul Cedras, should have resigned on Friday under the accord he signed less than four months ago for Mr. Aristide's return. But he has so far refused to do so.

The United States has sent

several hundred marines to its naval base at Guantanamo. Cuba, ready if needed to help evacuate U.S. embassy staff in Port-au-Prince and any of the 1,000 Americans living in

Pro-military groups have de-manded that all "white foreigners" leave the country and a general strike has been scheduled for Monday, when the sanctions go into effect.

Aristide still bopeful

Mr. Aristide said Saturday the U.N. blockade should force the ouster of the military junta running that nation, possibly allowing him to return this month as scheduled.

Interviewed on CNN, Mr. Aristide repeated his opposition to sending foreign troops to Haiti, said he would not resign and said removal of Gen. Cedras and police chief Michel Francois was essential to restoring democracy.

The only thing we have to continue doing is moving the way we are moving through this blockade, in order to have them out," Mr. Aristide said. 'Let's move fast to remove the killers from the country.

Asked if he remained optimistic about returning to Haiti on Oct. 30 as set out in the peace agreement with the military leaders who overthrew him two years ago, Mr. Aristide said, "of course."

PADDLING FROM WORK: A French France-

hectares have been flooded in the last few days hy Riz employee leaves work on a small canoe in Arles, in the south of France where some 10,000

Ekeus sees breakthrough in Iraq mission, says more needed

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UNITED NATIONS — Baghdad's refusal to accept longterm U.N. monitoring of its weapons programmes is the biggest outstanding roadblock to the lifting of international sanctions on Iraq, a U.N. offi-

Rolf Ekeus, head of the commission overseeing elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, said he will hold further talks with Iraqi officials during a visit to New York in mid-November.

He also said be hoped that Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz would give formal approval to long-term monitoring during the visit.

Iraq badly wants sweeping trade sanctions lifted, contending they are damaging its economy and causing suffering to its people. The sanctions have been in place since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. In a report to the Security Council, Mr. Ekeus reported

"considerable and substantial progress" in getting Iraq to provide information about its programmes for producing chemical and biological weapons and long-range mis-

Speaking to reporters after meeting with the council, Mr. not approved the U.N. resolution that requires long-term monitoring.

attended the meeting said Mr. Ekeus was optimistic about Iraqi compliance. He quoted Mr. Ekeus as saying it would be "some months" before the oil embargo is lifted. He did

not elaborate. Under the terms of the Gulf war ceasefire, Iraq must accept the monitoring of its weaponry for the Security council to lift the oil embargo. General trade sanctions, bowever, would remain until other conditions are

Mr. Ekeus received much of the information during a visit to Baghdad Oct. 2-8. Among the most crucial data he received was Iraq's list of foreign suppliers to its weapons prog-

He wrote that Iraq bad fully disclosed its past work on biological and ballistic missiles and that the United Nations hoped to certify full compliance on chemical weapons within two weeks.

On nuclear weapons, Mr. Ekeus said the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was confident "that the essential elements of Irao's nuclear weapons programme are understood and have been dismantled.

Iraq has held off agreeing to U.N. Plan monitoring its industries meant to ensure it does not make new weapons of mass destruction. Ban contends it should first be rewarded by at least a partial easing of the sanctions.

In previous remarks, Mr.

Rabin ends Asia tour seeking Muslim recognition

months after all data was verified and the monitoring plans were accepted for the commission to report to the council that Iraq had complied with its weapons demands. His spokesman Tim Trevan said the clock for this timetable had "not started yet." After a U.S.-led coalition

Ekeus said it would take six

drove Iraqi troops from Kuwait in the Gulf war, a ceasefire resolution basined oil exports until Iraq scrapped its dangerous weapons and the U.N. was sure they could not be reacquired.

Allowing imports to Iraq would involve meeting a bost of other demands, including recognition of the border with Kuwait.

The report also included a section from the IAEA which said it was "confident that the essential elements of Iraq's nuclear weapons programme are understood and have been dismantled.

The IAEA said Iraq had provided critical information on supplies of its nuclear materials, which appeared to be complete but also needed to be verified in the next few weeks.

But the biggest stumbling block in declaring Iraq free of weapons was agreement on the monitoring programme.

Mr. Ekeus said Iraq wanted plans so it would not be forced to limit its "scientific, technical and economic development" in

Bashir is president after junta disbands

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir, Sudan's military ruler for four years, was appointed president of the republic Saturday, state radio

The ruling junta dissolved itself after making the appointment, said the radio monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

"Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Ahmad Al Bashir was charged with assuming the position of president of the republic." Sudan Radio said.

"This was done after all the members of the Revolutionary Command Conncil of the national salvation revolution resolved to dissolve the council voluntarily with effect from today," it said.

Gen. Bashir chaired the

meeting himself, it added. Before naming its leader as chief of state, junta members issued a decree specifying Islamie laws as the basis of the Sudanese political system but guaranteeing freedom of reli-

Gen. Bashir had headed the Revolution Command Council since he spearheaded a bloodless June 30, 1989, coup that ousted a civilian government.

The significance of the switch to presidency was unclear. But it was not a sudden move as the council had already delegated most of its powers to a parliamentary body and to the council of

Gen. Bashir's 1989 coup toppled the civilian government of Oxford-educated Sadek Al

That government had lasted only three years after taking over from a military regime that ended former President Jaafar Numeiri's 16-year rule a year earlier. Since then, Gen. Bashir has been turning Sudan steadily into an Islamie state ruled by Sharia. Lt.-Geo, Zubeir Moham-

mad Saleh, the junta's deputy leader, suggested Saturday's

"It was necessary after this period of more than four years to take such a courageous step to put a framework for the government, so Sudan can become like the countries around Gen. Saleh said

He said the council had rethe cabinet, its legislative power to the transitional parliament and judicial to the judici-

Cuban writer arrested

HAVANA (AFP) — Cuban writer Norberto Fuentes has been arrested for attempting to slip out of the country, a human rights advocate said. Elizardo Sanchez Santa Cruz said the author, who won worldwide acclaim for his 1984 book Hemingway In Cuba, was taken into custody Sunday as he and an undisclosed number of relatives and friends were leaving Cuba by Boat. In 1968 Mr. Fuentes was honoured by the Cuban Cultural Institute for a book detailing his years as a journalist covering the government's battles in the 1960s with rebels opposing President Fidel Castro's government.

32 admirals, general punished over tailhook

WASHINGTON (R) — Thir-

ty-two U.S. Navy admirals, in-cinding the chief of naval op-erations, and a Marine general have received letters of censure or lesser reprimands in the 1991 tailhook sex harassment scandal. Navy Secretary John Dalton said Friday. The mild administrative punishments were announced after Defence Secretary Les Aspin's refusal this month to follow Mr. Dalton's recommendatioo Mr. Aspin demand the resignation of the chief of naval operations Frank Kelso for failure to exercise leadership in the incident. Defence officials said privately Mr. Aspin's move kept Mr. Dalton from imposing harsher punishment on senior officers who attended a Tailhook Association convention in Las Vegas at which women were fondled by male navy and Marine fliers. But Mr. Dalton said Friday he was punishing the admirals and one general, all of whom attended the convention, for failure to exercise proper leadership even though they did not directly take part in the barassment by younger officers. He said three admirals had received strong letters of censure and the 30 other officers received lesser. "Non-punipunishments. The lesser punishments including a "let-ter of caution" to the 60-year-

old Kelso do not go into per-

sonal files. The three who re-

ceived letters of censure in

their files were Renred Vice

Admiral Richard Dunleavy

and Active Rear Admirals

Riley Mixsoo and Wilson

Flagg. Adm. Dunleavy was at

the time assistant chief of naval

operations for air warfare, a

post now held by Adm. Mix-

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Ozone level hits record low

GENEVA (AFP) - Ozone levels over Antarctica sank to a record low this month, the World Meteorological Orga-oisation (WMO) warned. Ozone measured during several consecutive days between the end of September and the beginning of October dropped 4 to a level which constitutes the lowest absolute daily minimum ever recorded in the history of ozone observations, 'according to the WMO. Rumen Bojkov, secretary of the International Ozone Commission. said readings taken from the Neumayer. Marambio and Syowa stations in Antarctica revealed massive ozone destruction in the lower Stratosphere with local ozone nearly annihilated between 14 and 19 kilometres (8.4 and 11.4

'1 in 5 New York secondary students have weapons'

NEW YORK (AFP) - Twen-

miles).

ty-one per ceot of New York secondary school studeots have toted weapons to class, and 40 per cent were threatened physically in the past school year, a study released Friday showed. Of those who said they brought weapons to school, 68 per cent said their families supported their defending themselves with a handgun, knife or club. according to the study of 1.400 students carried out jointly by the New York mayor's office and federal authorities. Permanent metal detectors students have to pass through to enter 41 of the city's 160 high schools, and detectors in place part-time at 20 other schools. play a substantial role in deterstudy said. The study also says there is a clear link between violence in the schools and in ! city neighbourhoods, and that bomicide is the leading cause same platform as Nazir was of death for youths aged 15 to wounded by a bullet in her leg.

Hardliners announce new front to counter Arafat and peace deal But an Arab diplomat who

DAMASCUS (R) - Leaders of a 10-member Palestinian alliance have agreed to set up a new rejectionist front dedicated to replacing Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafai and foiling his peace deal with Israel, officials said on Satur-

day.

The new group, called "the National, Democratic and Islamie Front," was formed following deliberations in Damascus late on Friday chaired by George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

The Palestinian officials said the front would also work towards rebuilding the PLO along new guidelines and replacing Chairman Arafat. On Friday, Dr. Habash said

the new group "would work to foil the Gaza-Jericho agreement and rebuild the PLO on democratic bases. Under the peace deal signed on Sept. 13. Palestinian self-

rule will begin in the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank 10wn of Jericho. The formula at Friday's

fundamentalist Hamas movement which wanted a new Palestinian grouping and the rest of the alliance which sought 10 maintain the PLO but change its leadership.

firmed their decision to boycott any elections or bodies to be established in compliance with the Gaza-Jericho accord," one official said.

under the agreement.

Officials said leaders of the 10 also agreed to speed up work to form a new leadership for the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories which would group representatives of all the rejectionist movements.

meeting was a compromise between proposals by the Islamic

The 10 leaders also "reaf-

An elected Palestinian administration is to be established

The rejectionist Alliance of 10 was first formed following the PLO's approval of the Arab-Israeli peace talks that opened in Madrid in 1991. It groups four PLO factions, four anti-Arafat groups and two Islamic fundamentalist move-

The new uprising leadership

"All I know is that I had

nothing to do with the case,

other than I am a cleric who

prays in a mosque," Sheikh

Abdul Rahman said through

Mr. Mukasey said he would

not make a final ruling on the

request until he receives Mr.

Kunstler's reply to a memo

from prosecutors opposed to

the switch. In the meantime,

Mr. Kunstler will be allowed to

would relace three leaderships that have been guiding the uprising since it erupted in

Earlier on Saturday, a hardline Palestinian leader said guerrillas opposed to the peace accord were prepared to fight the new Palestinian police force in the Gaza Strip and

Brigadier Abu Ahmad Fua'ad, military commander of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), said the group's main target was Israeli troops and settlers. He did not wish to confront the Palestinian police force

"But if these police confront our forces and coordinate with the enemy then we will find ourselves in self-defence," he

which is now being set up. he

told Reuters. The police were a hurdle but the PFLP was planning new tactics to deal with it. Brig.

Fua'ad added. Israeli troops are to begin withdrawing in December 10 hand over to the new Palesti-

Combined agency dispatches SINGAPORE — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin held

talks here Saturday with Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong, ending a three-nation Asian tour that included a groundbreaking visit to Indonesia. No details of Mr. Rabin's

discussions with Mr. Gob were immediately available but a senior Israeli official said earlier that the talks would focus on Israel's recent peace accord with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Mr. Rabin flew in late Fri-

day for an overnight stay after a five-day official visit to China and a surprise stopover in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, for a meeting with Indonesian President Subarto.

The senior Israeli official quoted Mr. Rabin as telling Singapore patriarch and former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew at a meeting earlier Saturday that his visit to Jakarta should bolster prospects for improved ties between Israel and Islamie countries supporting the PLO.

We hope that the dramatic changes taking place will have an effect on 'Israel's relations with others in the Far East like Malaysia, but some developments need their own pace, the official said.

Israeli government spokes-man Uri Dromi told AFP earlier that Mr. Rabin boped Asian nations would back his accord with the PLO to give peace a chance in the Middle

East.
"Rabin believes that all countries can help in their own way and that every bit helps," Mr. Dromi said. "The idea is to give opponents to the peace plan incentive to drop their bostility."

Io Jakarta, Indonesian Muslim leaders Saturday grudging-ly accepted Mr. Rabin's surprise visit but said it is too soon for Indonesia to recognise

Mr. Rabin was reaching out to holdouts against friendly ties with Israel in his unscheduled trip to Indonesia, one of the few nations in the region not to have established relations with the Jewish state.

Mr. Rabin talked with President Suharto for 90 minutes at the president's home in a meeting of unprecedented

Still, Indonesia's state secretary, Murdiono, was careful to note that President Subarto participated in the meeting in his role as chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement and not as head of state.

Ali Yafie, a leader of the Indonesian Muslim Ulemas Council, said the Israeli-PLO peace accord meant Indonesia no longer bad to shun the

Jewisb state. "Rabin came here when he is no longer an enemy of the Palestinian people," said Mr.

Regarding diplomatic ties with Israel, bowever, Ichwan Sam, secretary-general of the Muslim Scholars Association, said: "Indonesia should consider the feelings of other Arab nations that have not yet recognised Israel."

Dr. Riza Sihbudi of the Indonesian Institute of Sciences also opposed establishment of formal ties with Israel.

"Indonesia's foreign policy is against oppression and colonisation, which Israel is still practising," said Dr. Sihbudi, Mr. Murdiono, the state secretariat minister, said the meeting did not mean Indonesia was planning diplomatic ties with Israel soon.

Israeli officials said no dramatic breakthrough was expected from talks between Mr. Rabin and Mr. Snharto although he expected the meeting would pave the way for lower-level discussions.

nian police force. Sheikh maintains innocence

an interpreter.

NEW YORK (Agencies) -The hlind Muslim cleric charged in the World Trade Centre bombing said Friday he had nothing to do with the attack, and asked that attornies William Kunstler and Ronald Kuby be allowed to

defend him. Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman of Egypt is accused of masterminding a conspiracy to bomb the twin 110-storey trade centre towers and to plot other extremist acıs.

Mr. Kunstler represents two other defendants in the case. Ibrahim Al Gahrowny and Siddig Ibrahim Siddig Ali. U.S. District Judge Michael Mukasey warned the sheikh that using lawyers already working for other defendants might pose a conflict of interest.

But Sheikh Abdul Rahman,

whose attorney. Harry Batch-

elder, has asked to withdraw

frum the case, insisted he

wants Mr. Kunstler and Mr. Kuhy. Then he proclaimed his

represent the sheikh.

Six people were killed and more than 1,000 injured in the Feb. 26 trade centre bombing. Four people are on trial for the bombing

Al Gabrowny and Mr. Siddig Ali are not part of the trial because charges against them stem from an alleged plot. never consumated, to bomb the United Nations, the Lincoln tunnel and other targets in New York. Their trial is not expected to hegin for several

During Friday's hearing.

Judge Mukasey questioned the cleric about whether he understood the conflict of interest problems that could arise if his lawyers represented others charged in the case.

"That could hurt you," Mr. Mukasey told the cleric. "It could hurt you in a way that could result in your convic-"All I know is that I have nothing to do with this case,"

the white-robed cleric said, "I have nothing to do with anything, therefore there is no conflict of interest with Sheikh Abdul Rahman was charged under a federal sedi-

tion law for allegedly encouraging the bombing. Mr. Kunstler and Mr. Kuby told reporters after the hearing that the government's argument for disqualification had no merii and was just part of an effort 10 "gc1 rid of us."

They are trying to limit this

to lawyers who are not of our stripe," Mr. Kunstler said.

Egyptian interior minister vows to uproot extremists CAIRO (AP) - Egypt's interior minister vehemently rejected on Saturday any sugges-tion of dialogue with "killers dialogue. "Dialogue with whom? with and outlaws" disguised as relikillers and outlaws" he re-

gious activists seeking Islamic rule in Egypt. Hassan Al Alfi, who survived a July assassination attempt by members of the Jihad, also pledged to uproot the Muslim extremist movement: refused to say how many have been arrested in the campaign to do it; and denied

He told reporters prisoners 'hit each other," then try to convince judges their wounds were caused by interrogators.

persistent reports of torture in

General Alfi became interior minister last April after allegations that his predecessor's harsh policies against extremists had escalated their violence. The government also said the minister had engaged radicals through intermediaries in unauthorised talks seeking a way out of the confrontation.

A reporter asked Gen. Alfi if he planned to renew the

sponded. "This would mean that we are weak as a state. This is rejected... rejected... rejected." But he said "uprooting these terrorist groups" is necessary for Egypt to implement needed economic changes. Otherwise,

he said, lack of stability and

security would prevent investments from coming in. More than 200 people have died in an escalated two-yearold confrontation between Muslim extremists and the Egyptian government. Those killed included top government officials, police officers. Christian Copts, civilians and

three foreign tourists. The latest to die was Hilal Marzouk Nazir, a Christian agent of the secret police who was shot down at a train station Saturday a few hours before Gen. Alfi's news conference.

In a September newspaper mterview, Jihad's jailed leader, former army Colonel Aboud Al Zomor, blamed "miscalculations by the regime and its arrogance" for the fai-

lure of the previous dialogue. But be said executions of his men under anti-terrorism laws would make reconciliation more difficult now. "It is now difficult to persuade the leadersbip on the outside to stop its operations," Mr. Zomor said. "Feelings of anger control

them. The interior minister announced shortly after taking over that police were renouncing torture, taking families hostage for leverage against extremists and arbitrary deten-

However, recent reports by Amnesty International and other human rights advocates say the policies have continued under him. And members of extremist groups now on trial before courts-martial claim that torture is routine during

Gen. Alfi denied that. Some of those (rights organisations) who repeat such talk are nothing but supporters of these groups," he said. He contended that extremists "hit each other inside prisons to claim that they were tortured in front of the court," While insisting that all mea-

according to law, he said; "I am not going to tell you how many are arrested, but everyone arrested is presented to the court. All his rights are guaran-The Interior Ministry said Saturday's shooting was in a

sures bis officers take are

village near Assiut, 320 kilometres south of Cairo, as Assiut police blamed the

Nazir awaited a train to take ring students weapons use the killing on gunmen of Al Gamaa Al Islamiya, Witnesses said a woman standing on the



